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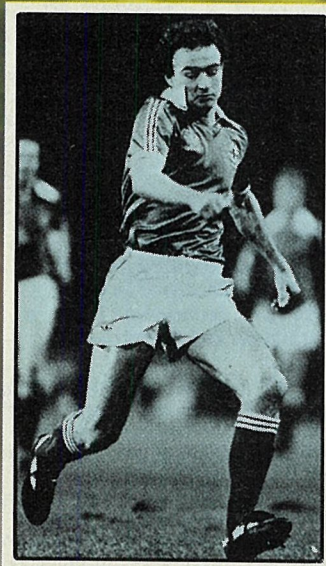
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# Billy's biggest battle

**B**ILLY Bremner has always relished a challenge.

During a lengthy and successful playing career with Leeds United and Scotland there was no fiercer competitor.

Now, at 38, he is managing Third Division Doncaster Rovers with that same pride, fighting spirit and passion.

And Billy Bremner is still a winner.

The £100,000 awarded to him by the High Court for libel by a Sunday newspaper proves just how highly Bremner's reputation is still regarded.

Allegations that he had attempted to bribe opponents during his days at Leeds brought howls of protest from some of the most respected figures in the game.

Jack Charlton, Allan Clarke, Johnny Giles and Derek

## SHOOT, view!

Dougan — all gave evidence on behalf of Bremner.

But for five years since the allegations appeared, Billy and his family have had to live with the cruel taunts and jibes.

Now he has been entirely vindicated and any question marks which had hung over his character have been dispelled.

Bremner was one of the finest players to perform in the Football League in the last 20 years, and perhaps he would have graced the pitches of England even longer had it not been for these charges.

Many people would have run away and hid, removing themselves from a game which had treated one of its finest exponents in such a shabby manner.

But Bremner stood firm, squaring up to his accusers in the same way he had faced some of his opponents on the pitch.

Often on those occasions he was punished for his action.

Fortunately, this time he has been deservedly rewarded for having the courage to stand by his convictions.

Billy Bremner has won perhaps the biggest battle of his life.

Ron Greenwood has hinted that he will have to decide between Ray Clemence (57 caps) and Peter Shilton (35 caps) to be England's regular goalkeeper. It could be he'll make a decision before next Tuesday's game against Northern Ireland — the first of six matches before the World Cup Finals — and stand by this decision through to Spain. We spoke to the two players — and the greatest of them all, Gordon Banks, gives his verdict.

# The battle for

we do.

Both England and Northern Ireland are looking for two things — a fine team performance and a win!

Ron Greenwood expects an improvement on our last Wembley game — the 1-0 win over Hungary that earned us a trip to Spain — especially in the finishing.

Our forwards squandered so many goal-chances against

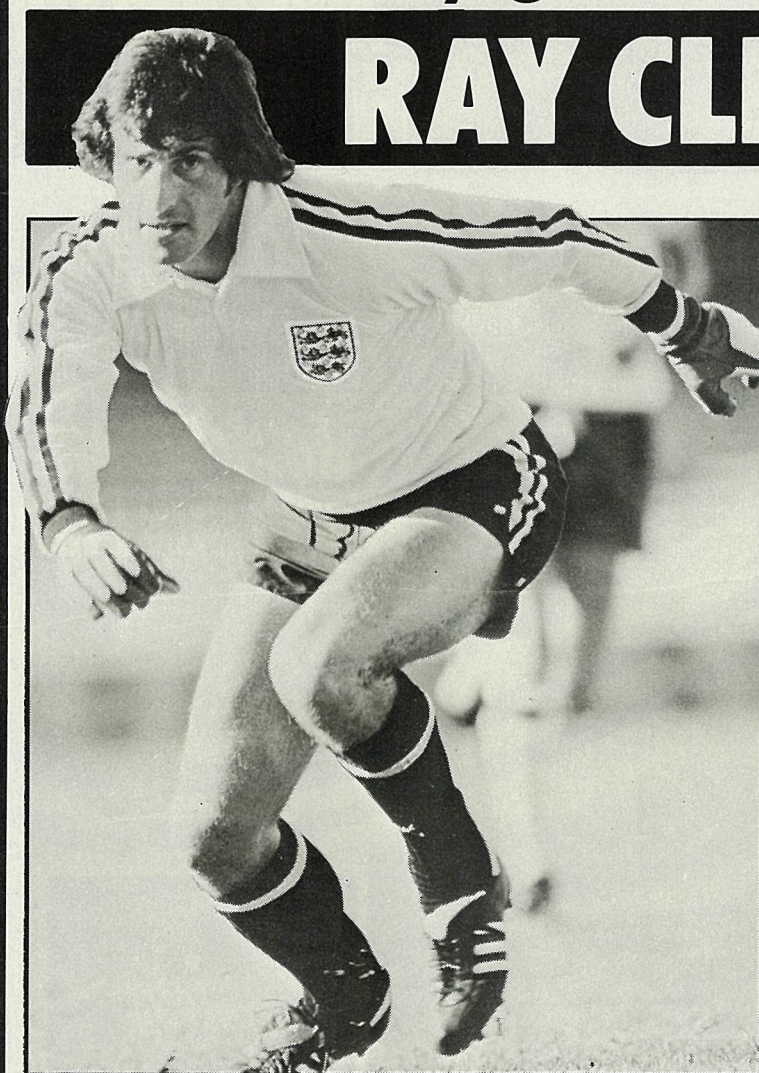
jersey to go to the one who Ron considers has performed best overall throughout our personal "qualifying games".

Should we end up level-pegging, experience will probably be taken into account by Ron in making his judgement.

If it's experience against foreign opposition, then I have the edge on Peter through playing in Continental Cup competitions for

## 'Experience may give me the edge'

# RAY CLEMENCE



the past ten years with Liverpool and now Spurs.

However, Peter has been playing top League football longer. At 18, he was in First Division action with Leicester City, while I was still in Liverpool reserves.

I'm sure the media will try to influence Ron one way or the other, but he'll make up his own mind. Whichever way his vote goes, there'll be no arguments from Peter and I.

But the issue may not be as clearcut as many people think. This could develop into a three-cornered fight, with Manchester City's Joe Corrigan as the other contender.

A case can be made out for Joe being more consistent in the League than Peter and I, and that whenever England has called on his services he's never let the country down.

He'd be ready and willing to step in if Peter and I don't measure up to Ron's requirements.

So far I've kept 12 clean sheets for England at Wembley. A 13th could be lucky for me!

**M**Y approach to playing at Wembley against Northern Ireland is no different from that before any other international game.

I refuse to allow the competition between Peter Shilton and myself for England's regular number one spot in the World Cup Finals to put added pressure on me.

I'm just concentrating on getting into the right mental and physical shape to do my best against fellow World Cup qualifiers who place as much importance on this game as

Hungary, something we'll be severely punished for if repeated against superior sides in the Finals.

I sat on the sidelines for that game, while Peter Shilton spent most of the 90 minutes spectating from his goalmouth as our lads dominated the play.

On the occasions he was called into action, Peter was his usual sound self and didn't put a hand or foot wrong.

There's so much friendship and respect between us neither sits on the bench hoping the man in possession has a bad game.

We'd prefer the World Cup

## 'Shilton

**R**ON Greenwood or the majority of England fans may not be able to decide which is the better — Ray Clemence or Peter Shilton.

But one man can and that's Gordon Banks, possibly the greatest goalkeeper of modern times.

He won a World Cup winners' medal in 1966 when England triumphed 4-2 against West Germany. In 1970 he was awarded the O.B.E.

A car crash in 1972 ended his League career prematurely, when he lost the sight of one eye and although he made a comeback in the NASL, his handicap proved too much.



# England's number one spot

**EVERY performer wants to operate on the top stage and in my business that means keeping goal for England in world class competition.**

You can't do better than that — other than going on to win the trophy at the end of the line — and that's why the coming World Cup is so important to me.

That's the way I thought all along in my career, from getting into the Leicester team as a

brink of more World Cup failure.

But by freak results we got back into it and naturally I was delighted to play in the vital game against Hungary.

Although I had very little to do that night, qualifying for the Finals has got to be the highlight of my England career.

I know there is great competition between Ray Clemence and myself — not to mention Joe Corrigan — for the number one spot, but the rivalry we've had over the years has not affected our relationship one bit.

playing to the best of my ability and help Forest into Europe before the World Cup comes along.

## 'Ready to establish myself'

# V PETER SHILTON

teenager then following Gordon Banks into the England side and having the success at home and abroad with Nottingham Forest.

I've been on big stages with England and Forest before, but now there's a bigger one being erected in Spain . . . and I am ready for the challenge of the World Cup and to establish myself as England's number one.

At times like this I think back to our failure to qualify for the 1974 Finals when we drew at home with Poland and a lot of the players who were so disappointed then just haven't had the chance to put it right.

I've been fortunate in that I'm still around to get that second chance . . . even though I must admit I thought we had lost out again in our qualifying matches.

When we lost those games in Switzerland and Norway last year I sat back and reflected whether I had been right to take the break I did for personal reasons.

I thought to myself that maybe if I had been involved in some way we might not have been on the

We are both highly experienced professionals wanting the best for England.

I realise the British Championship and World Cup matches have taken on a special significance now Ron Greenwood has to decide on his number one 'keeper for Spain.

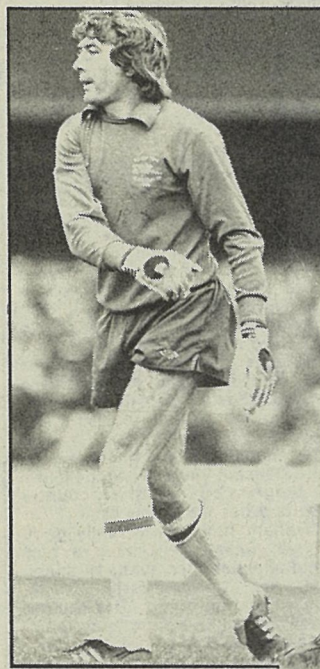
I'm sure the competition that exists between Ray and I is shared with the other positions in the side and that's got to be for the benefit of Ron Greenwood when it comes down to his final selection.

He and only he will decide who will be England's World Cup 'keeper when we kick-off against France.

Whoever Ron chooses will be the man he considers the best for England . . . and that's okay by me.

I know some people hold the view that with the World Cup Finals coming on players will be tempted to take it easy at club level to save themselves for the big one.

But I can tell you the only thought in my mind is to keep on



## the better — Jennings the best'

### SAYS GORDON BANKS



Banks, sadly, has not been able to find a regular job with a League club since.

Yet he goes to matches regularly, paying particular attention to the 'keepers.

And if you twist his arm on the Shilton/Clemence debate, he'll say: "I'd be delighted if I were Ron Greenwood to have two such outstanding goalkeepers available. Three, with Joe Corrigan.

"Assuming both Peter and Ray are playing at their peak, I think I'd just give the edge to Shilton.

"For reflexes and agility there's nothing to choose between them. If Peter has a slight advantage over his rival it's in his sense

of positioning and his sheer physical presence, which is intimidating to opposing forwards.

"I was always very self-critical and I know Peter and Ray are, too. A goalkeeper knows if he's at fault — and if his team-mates blame him when it isn't really his fault."

The man who was as safe as the Bank of England doesn't put Shilton at the top of his goalkeepers League, however.

"For me, Pat Jennings was the perfect goalkeeper when he was playing at his absolute best.

"Everything about Pat was — and still is, really — first-class. I've never seen him panic . . . his handling is safe and his positioning is a lesson to all would-be goalkeepers.

"Pat's also a marvellous sportsman."



## PAID MEE

BERTIE MEE, former Arsenal manager, has been appointed a paid director by Watford.

Mr Mee has been Graham Taylor's right-hand man in guiding Watford from the Fourth Division to the brink of the First in five seasons.

"I didn't have to think about the offer for long," grinned Mr Mee.

DUNDEE UNITED and Scotland striker Paul Sturrock is cashing in on his nickname.

Sturrock, for whom United have already rejected a £500,000 offer from an undisclosed English club, is known to his team-mates as Luggy.

So when he decided to enter the licensed trade, the name 'Luggy's' seemed a natural choice for his new public house in Dundee.

It's 25-year-old Paul's second venture into the world of business. He is already the owner of a video shop but insists: "Football comes first!"

## OXFORD BATHE — WITH MARTI!



TOP BBC comedienne Marti Caine finished up in the team bath when she filmed scenes for her show with F.A. Cup Fourth Round heroes Oxford United.

"You've never seen such a rush when the BBC asked for volunteers for the scene," says an Oxford official. "It looks daring — but they were all wearing swimsuits."

Marti was filmed in Oxford's strip and as a referee. The shooting ended happily when she was chaired from the pitch by the players.



## BOND'S MISTAKE

MANAGERS are often reluctant to admit they have goofed but John Bond bravely accepts his mistake in buying Martin O'Neill from Norwich.

Commenting after selling the Manchester City midfielder player back to Norwich, Bond said: "It was a mistake buying him. His signing was a disappointment."

"When you pay out the sort of money we did for him, you are looking for something special on the field."

"Unfortunately, Martin didn't come up to expectations."

Manchester City bought O'Neill for £275,000 at the end of last season and sold him back to Carrow Road for a £100,000 loss.

ABERDEEN established a new Scottish Cup Record when their winning goal in a Third Round tie at Motherwell was officially timed at just 9.6 seconds.

The scorer was teenage striker John Hewitt and seven days later team-mate John McMaster again beat the one minute barrier with a 58 seconds opening goal against Celtic at Pittodrie.

Sadly for The Dons, however, the reigning Champions hit back to win 3-1 and extend their lead at the top of the table.

## JOCK GETS MARK'S VOTE

MARK WALLINGTON, the talented Leicester goalkeeper, admits he owes Jock Wallace a few debts.

The Scottish manager has been quite a help to the 'keeper in recent seasons with his tips on technique.

And he has given Mark the additional bonus of responsibility of the captaincy of the team.

Mark said: "It is nice having a boss who understands my problems although he has his own views and I have mine. But he helps me tidy up my technique and is able to point out things I might not have noticed."

"And being captain involves more than just leading the team on the field. Being club captain embraces liaison with the fans, directors, business people in the city, and, of course, your own players."

## MONCUR'S BIG THREE

BOBBY MONCUR, the former Newcastle United and Sunderland skipper whose managerial flair has pulled Plymouth out of trouble in the Third Division, tips Fulham, Chesterfield, and Huddersfield to win Third Division promotion.

He says: "At Home Park all we talk about is getting back into the Second Division ourselves; but at the moment we are stabilising and organising for the future."

"But looking at the quality of the Third Division you can see the game is progressing in this country despite what the critics say."

"Fulham have some really good players. Chesterfield have a nice blend of experience, while Huddersfield are tremendously attack-minded at home and Mick Buxton has produced an entertaining team. If we can become as good as these teams then we are on our way back."

# Sansom fears for England future

KENNY Sansom fears he could miss competing in the World Cup Finals in Spain this summer.

The Arsenal and England left-back admits to doubts about his ability to make Ron Greenwood's squad.

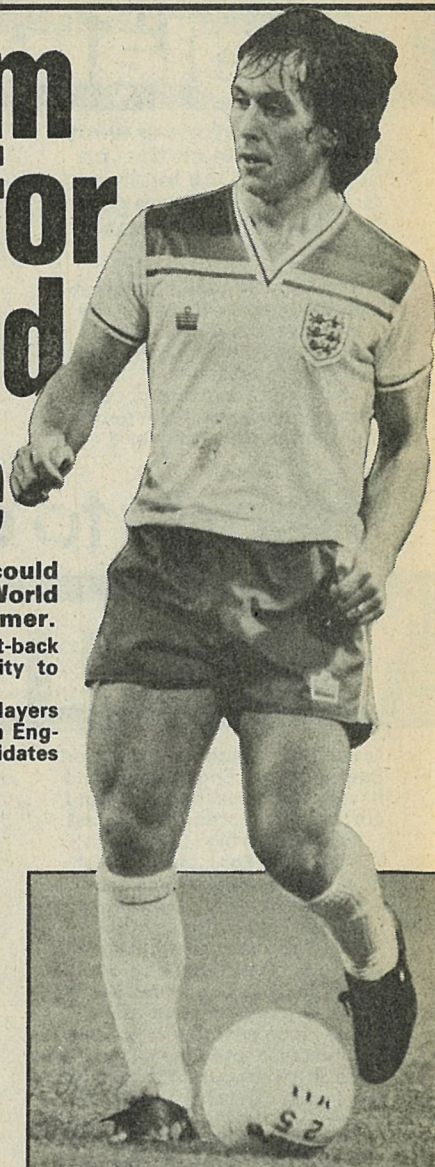
He says: "There are a lot of players who will want to be in Spain with England. There are outstanding candidates for the left-back position."

Derek Statham (West Bromwich Albion), Mick Mills (Ipswich Town) and Colin Gibson (Aston Villa) will all challenge heavily for Sansom's position admits the young defender whom many believe is good enough to return to the England team.

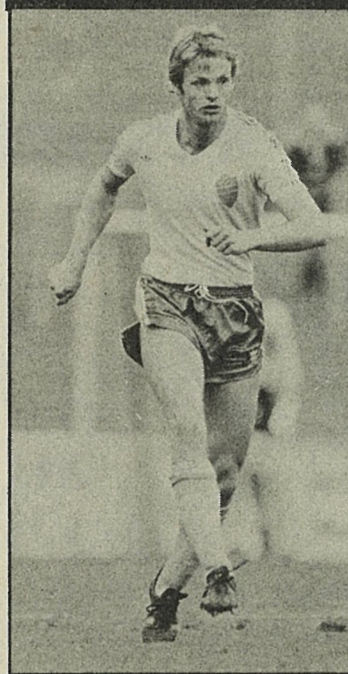
"I do not regard my position in the England squad as signed, sealed and delivered."

FORMER Wrexham striker Graham Whittle will have a testimonial game at The Racecourse Ground against a full strength Everton on March 16.

Whittle is hoping to bring as many as possible of Wrexham's Third Division promotion side of 1978 together.



## SWEDE GETS LIVERPOOL TRIAL



LIVERPOOL are giving a trial to Swedish international Thorbjorn Neillsson (left) with a view to signing him for £350,000.

Neillsson, a 27-year-old midfielder player, will not be released by his club, Gothenburg, until they are out of this season's UEFA Cup. Already the Swedish club have reached the Quarter-Finals.

Neillsson was Sweden's first full-time professional while playing at the same time in his native country. He was top scorer in last season's Swedish League with 20 goals.

Neillsson has played 21 times for his country but announced his retirement from international football last season.

## CLOWNISH FAN

ADVERT in newsagent's window offered ... "Eleven clockwork clowns, some work better than others — all well oiled."

Callers to the phone number given found themselves talking to Brighton Football Club.

"Obviously the advert was placed by a fan disappointed at our home F.A. Cup defeat by Oxford United," says a Brighton spokesman.



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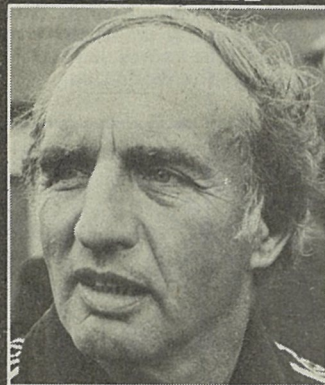
GOALSCORING Kiwi striker Wynton Rufer cracked a couple of goals for Norwich City reserves and then warned Ron Greenwood: "Do not underestimate Kuwait — they are a useful side."

Rufer, the man who knocked China out of the World Cup with a fabulous drive, said: "It will help England that

they play them last because they'll be able to see for themselves what a useful side they are. England should be good enough to beat them but it won't be easy."

Whilst playing for New Zealand, Rufer, who has since been refused a work permit to play for Norwich, came up against Kuwait in the qualifying rounds.

# McGarry set to quit soccer



FORMER Newcastle and Wolves manager Bill McGarry is preparing for a career outside football.

McGarry has enrolled for a business management course after searching in vain for the last 18 months for a full-time job in the game.

Once the course is finished, he may go into business, possibly his other main sporting interest — squash.

● Among the applicants for the manager's job at Wolves was an Irishman who made a reverse charge call from Dublin.

Officials admitted the caller had some style when he promised to pay for the phone call if he got the job.

## ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

NINE years ago a group of boy footballers leaned against a railed fence in Dublin and posed for a photographer.

No Arsenal or Republic of Ireland supporter needs telling that David O'Leary, Frank Stapleton and Liam Brady are in the group. The odd one out is the lad standing on the extreme left. His name is Johnny Murphy, who quit soccer to play rugby and became an Irish international.

All four left the Republic of Ireland after this picture was taken to sign apprenticeships at Arsenal.

Murphy returned to Ireland; O'Leary captains Arsenal; Stapleton joined Manchester United this season from Highbury; and Liam Brady is a key member of the Juventus team in Italy.

# Sacked Kerr's hopes

DESPITE getting the sack from Grimsby Town, George Kerr is optimistic for the future.

"It's like Manchester City giving Trevor Francis a free transfer," he said, hinting that he won't be long in joining another club.

"I've already had a couple of offers, but I can afford to bide my time and wait for the right club to come along. I won't be out of work for long that's for sure," said Kerr.

## Briefly

● Southampton are to give a trial to 20-year-old New Zealand World Cup player, Ricky Herbert.

Herbert, aged 20, has played in all of New Zealand's 15 World Cup matches so far. But he could face problems obtaining a work permit.

● Tony Currie made his 500th appearance when he played for Queens Park Rangers against Wrexham at Loftus Road.

● A group of Sheffield Wednesday fans earned a tribute from Barnaby's restaurant in Coventry after their team's F.A. Cup defeat at Highfield Road in the Third Round. The restaurant manager took the trouble to write to Wednesday boss Jackie Charlton praising the fans for being well-mannered and well-behaved . . . and for being in fine voice.

● Villa secretary Steve Stride is regretting his decision to play for the club's "Old Star" team in a charity game. He ended up in hospital after rupturing tendons and displacing a bone in his knee.

● Charlton goalie Nicky Johns reckons he is a better team man at The Valley this season — because he is shouting a lot. Nicky, a quiet and unassuming type, says: "I know now that I have to make myself heard if I am to boss the penalty-area. So I am shouting out advice and instructions to my mates now — and I have learned a lot from Leighton Phillips, who is a great talker and organiser."

● More than 1,000 fans took advantage of Hearts' offer of free admission to the unemployed.

But the club picked an unfortunate day to launch the new scheme because First Division leaders Motherwell went to Tynecastle and won 3-0.

● The new look Birmingham team has meant the chance of regular first team football for the first time for 21-year-old Pat Van Den Hauwe as he slots in with Colin Todd in the middle of the back four.

And Pat says: "In the past I have been glad to get a game anywhere but this is my best position and I am happy at having a run in it to prove what I can do."

## NEWS DESK

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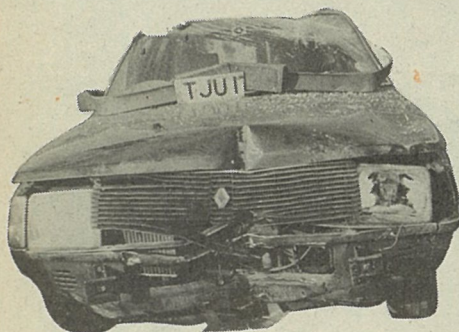
FORMER Chelsea 'keeper Peter Bonetti is now starring for the local Bunessan side on the Scottish Isle of Mull where he now lives . . . as a centre-forward!

## VILLA STAR'S LUCKY ESCAPE

ASTON VILLA midfielder star Gordon Cowans climbed unhurt from his wrecked car after an accident.

His car was involved in a collision with a lamp-post two days before Villa's crucial F.A. Cup Fourth Round tie at Bristol City.

Cowan's lucky escape from his vehicle, which was written-off, did not affect his form on the Saturday as Villa cruised to a 1-0 win through a Gary Shaw goal.



## EDDIE SET FOR WELSH CAP

EDDIE NIEDZWIECKI spent six years waiting for his first team chance . . . and now he could be in line for international honours.

Eddie, of Polish background, but eligible for Wales, was first spotted by Wrexham as a 12-year-old when John Neal was in charge.

He signed as a 16-year-old but had to hang on until this season until he was given an extended run in the first team.

"This was a make or break season for me. I had to get in the first team and stay there," admitted 22-year-old Eddie.

"I had only played 27 senior games in those six seasons. It's difficult maintaining your best form when you are playing in front of less than 50 spectators.

"But Dai Davies left to join Swansea and I was given my chance.

"I started off a bit shakily but since then my form has improved and I'm quite pleased with the way I'm playing."

Former boss Neal, now in charge at Chelsea, said: "He's a very good goalkeeper and could one day play for Wales."

It was in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round tie at Chelsea that Eddie produced one of the saves of the season, somehow tipping over a last minute close range header from Colin Lee.

Eddie said: "That was probably the best save I've made."

Now he's an established first team player, he will be hoping the Welsh selectors take notice of his form.





**SHOOT:** It must be like a dream to be leading Northern Ireland to the World Cup?

**O'NEILL:** Yes it is. I didn't think anything in football would be able to equal winning the European Cup with Nottingham Forest against Hamburger SV. But if we don't let ourselves down in Spain, this is likely to top it. There's nothing quite like the World Cup. I was made skipper for the first qualifying match against Israel and I'm proud to think I'm now going to the Finals as captain.

**SHOOT:** What does qualification mean to the people of Northern Ireland?

**O'NEILL:** As you can imagine, it's a big boost for them. It's given Irish football a lift and since we qualified I've had many reporters on the phone from Northern Ireland saying this was the uplift they'd been waiting for. It's a boost for the nation. And at the right time, with unemployment and inflation such big problems.

**SHOOT:** If you qualify from your group in Spain, you could meet England in the second stage of the competition. Does this make your Wembley meeting in the British Championship more important?

**O'NEILL:** It definitely adds spice to it. Most of the British sides see a game against England as



Former Manchester United star George Best.

something special and for Northern Ireland this year, it will be even more so. We will be treating it like a World Cup match.

**SHOOT:** Do you think England will take it as seriously?

**O'NEILL:** I think it is even more important for them as they have to get their side sorted out before Spain. Our team more or less picks itself. We'll certainly have trouble finding a squad of 40. Also, with so few games before the World Cup, England have to make the most of each one.

**SHOOT:** Talking of World Cup preparations, do you think the British pay too little attention to them compared with, say, the South Americans?

**O'NEILL:** I think perhaps we do. But the priorities are different here. The Brazilians, for instance, demand a lot from the World Cup and if they didn't qualify, it would be a national disaster. In Britain, a lot more attention is focused on the League and we could be playing League games up to a week before the World Cup.



## SPAIN 82 WORLD CUP CAPTAINS

**No.8  
MARTIN  
O'NEILL**  
Northern Ireland

# 'We needn't

Sensibly, I suppose the season should be cut down.

**SHOOT:** What is the Irish programme before Spain?

**O'NEILL:** As well as the British Championship, we have got a game fixed up against France. Billy Bingham would like to arrange two more, one in Belfast and one in a reasonably hot country to help us to acclimatise for Spain. That should be enough.

**SHOOT:** What qualities will Ireland be taking to Spain?

**O'NEILL:** The ones that got us through the qualifying rounds: determination and organisation. The manager must take credit for getting us to tighten up at the back. We only conceded three goals in the qualifying matches. These days, we get a lot of 0-0 and 1-0 results which shows good professionalism.

**SHOOT:** What do you think of the draw? Being in the same group as the host nation can't make it easy.

**O'NEILL:** Far from it. I've been checking on Yugoslavia's record and they took 13 points from a possible 16 in their qualifying group and finished above Italy. The Scots moaned about drawing the USSR, but I'm not sure that there's much difference between the Soviet Union and the Slavs. Spain will obviously benefit



### WORLD CUP RECORD

Year	Opponents	Result
1958	Czechoslovakia	1-0
	Argentina	1-3
	West Germany	2-2
	Czechoslovakia	2-1
	France	0-4

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## HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Israel 0, N. Ireland 0  
Sweden 1, Israel 1  
Sweden 0, Scotland 1  
N. Ireland 3, Sweden 0  
Scotland 0, Portugal 0  
Israel 0, Sweden 0  
Portugal 1, N. Ireland 0  
Portugal 3, Israel 0  
Israel 0, Scotland 1  
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Scotland 3, Israel 1  
N. Ireland 1, Portugal 0  
Sweden 1, N. Ireland 0  
Sweden 3, Portugal 0

Scotland 2, Sweden 0  
Portugal 1, Sweden 2  
N. Ireland 0, Scotland 0  
Israel 4, Portugal 1  
N. Ireland 1, Israel 0  
Portugal 2, Scotland 1

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Scotland	8	4	3	1	9	4	11
N. Ireland	8	3	3	2	6	3	9
Sweden	8	3	2	3	7	8	8
Portugal	8	3	1	4	8	11	7
Israel	8	1	3	4	6	10	5

from their support but there is no telling what they will be like.

**SHOOT:** You have to beat one of them if you are going to reach the next stage. Which do you fancy it could be?

**O'NEILL:** I would have to say Yugoslavia simply because Spain are the host nation. It is going to be difficult, and very much a question of how things go on the day. We will have a fair idea of our chances after the first game against Yugoslavia.

**SHOOT:** There has been talk of George Best being called up to the

The Irish (dark shirts) on the attack against Israel during their 1-0 win.

Yugoslavia (below, dark shirt) could be a major threat to Billy Bingham's lads in the first stage in Spain.



# fear anyone'

## THE MANAGER Billy Bingham

**A** MEMBER of the Northern Ireland side which reached the Quarter-Finals of the 1958 World Cup, Billy Bingham won 56 caps for his country — a record at the time. In a League career which took in Sunderland, Luton, Everton and Port Vale he scored more than 100 goals in 419 League games. A strong, tricky winger, he helped Everton win the League Championship in 1963. His first experience of managership was with Southport, and he also managed Plymouth Argyle before taking over the national side in 1967. Remained in charge until 1971, leaving to take over the Greek national side. Returned to become manager of Everton, but was sacked at the beginning of 1977. Then had a spell in charge at Mansfield, but has proved a resounding success since taking control of the Northern Ireland team again in February, 1980. Guided the Irish to their first outright victory in the British Championship since 1914, and has now led the team to their second World Cup Finals.

Irish squad. Could it still happen and would the players want him?

**O'NEILL:** I believe that if George had really felt that he was up to it, he would have joined Middlesbrough instead of going back to America. I think that, deep down, he didn't believe he was up to it. If things change, say he came back to England and did well, we would be pleased to have him. We haven't got that many top class players that we can turn someone like him down.

**SHOOT:** You had your problems at Manchester City before joining Norwich recently. Have these hindered your World Cup preparations?

**O'NEILL:** I don't think so because the World Cup is still a long way off. Should the situation have reached a point where I looked like being out of first team football for a long spell, I would have been worried.

**SHOOT:** Realistically, what chances do Northern Ireland have in Spain?

**O'NEILL:** If we keep our discipline, which our manager will make sure of, I feel we needn't be pessimistic whoever we're playing. We don't have a great deal to lose and with luck, we could be dark horses. Well, light brown anyway!

**SHOOT:** Does that mean you expect to qualify from your group?

**O'NEILL:** If you told me now that we would manage that, I'd say it was a marvellous achievement. Absolutely brilliant. But what we're talking about in a competition like this is taking a percentage of chances created. We could create two in our opening game against Yugoslavia and score from one. They might create six and miss them all.

**SHOOT:** What is your biggest fear?

**O'NEILL:** That we do well against Spain and Yugoslavia and then not manage to beat Honduras. That would be typically Irish. It's against the little sides that we struggle.

**SHOOT:** Finally, who will win the World Cup?

**O'NEILL:** I've got to go for Brazil or Argentina. And of the Europeans, West Germany and the USSR could be the best bets. And, if we don't beat them, the Yugoslavians.

**NEXT WEEK:  
Tibor Nyilasi  
Hungary**



I'VE never wanted anything more badly than to be handed England's number four shirt for next Tuesday's match against Northern Ireland at Wembley.

It's the boost I need after going through the most agonising, frustrating stage in my career following an injury in the League Cup Fifth Round replay against Barnsley.

While the leg wound healed I've had to watch Liverpool recover from a bad start and put together a string of great results that's put egg on the faces of the critics who'd written my club off.

Being included in the England team will lift my spirits sky high. I've never yet let my country down and all I ask is for the chance to prove my worth again.

I promise Ron Greenwood he won't regret it if he gives me the nod. In return, I'll give England everything I've got.

Missing so many games in Liverpool's tremendous winning run has obviously put a question mark against me. Dare Ron pick a man who lacks the week-in, week-out, involvement of preparing for, and playing in, games at the highest level?

I might have lost that vital "edge", the split-second thinking

But I don't see myself in the same fix as Dave. I have two things in my favour: I'm younger and could be back in the Liverpool team for the final stages of the season at least and helping to carry off silverware.

Already I'm banging on manager Bob Paisley's door, reminding him I'm ready, willing and able.

I'm sure Ron will want to pick players wearing that ring of confidence which comes from winning honours.

There's no point in England going to the World Cup Finals without the will to win the trophy. We must forget about our struggle to qualify and concentrate on moulding a

**PHIL THOMPSON**  
My soccer world

Pat Jennings (below, inset) is sure to give England's strikers a hard time at Wembley.

team on a par with Liverpool.

We know we don't possess the brilliant superstars of countries such as Brazil and Argentina, players who have the ability to virtually win matches single-handed.

At present there are four "run-up" matches scheduled in which the emphasis will be on creating an eleven-man unit capable of doing the country proud on the plains of Spain, starting with Northern Ireland, our first opponents in this season's British Championship.

The Irish team are an example for England to follow. A fine mix of good professionals who slot together like pieces in a jigsaw.

Manager Billy Bingham has done wonders with a limited number of players — mainly from the English League — to choose from. Two years ago he took them to their first outright British Championship win since 1914, and now a place in the World Cup Finals after a gap of 24 years.

Like Scotland, they play with a lot of pride and passion, and we're in for a hard time at Wembley.

As usual, I expect it to be more like a League derby game than an

and speed off the mark that separates an international from the bread and butter First Division player.

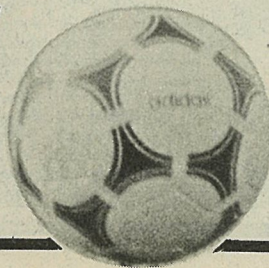
To wipe out any doubts in his mind I'm putting an extra-special effort into my training with the England squad. There's no one — not even Kevin Keegan himself — who's running harder, tackling harder, or listening harder to Ron Greenwood's tactical talks.

A lot of people parallel my situation with that of Dave Watson's before the final qualifying make-or-break game against Hungary at Wembley, which we won 1-0.

Then there was speculation about whether Ron would pick even a former regular like Dave, who was out of first team football and in Southampton reserves.

Instead, Ron chose West Ham's Alvin Martin, who justified the boss' faith in him. Whether Dave would have done as well, worse, or better, will never be known, of course.

**PICK ME  
-YOU WON'T  
REGRET IT,  
RON'**



international, as so many of the players are familiar with each other's styles.

Unfortunately I haven't the space to go through their team, player by player, but I must mention Pat Jennings, who is not only a fantastic 'keeper but also one of the game's real gentlemen.

His honesty showed itself recently when he blamed himself for the rare mistake that let in the Spurs goal that knocked Arsenal out of the F.A. Cup.

With Pat at one end, and probably Ray Clemence at the other, and the outfielders playing "tight", there won't be many goals scored. I'd predict a 1-0 win — to England!

And I want to be part of it!

*Phil Thompson*



# RON'S 50 CLUB

**WHEN** Tony Morley ran on the Wembley pitch as a substitute in the 63rd minute of England's World Cup qualifying match against Hungary in November, he became the 50th player to be used by team manager Ron Greenwood.

Greenwood left school at the age of 14 and took his first job as an apprentice signwriter at Wembley Stadium in 1937.

He cannot have imagined, in his wildest dreams, that he would be the man to steer England to a World Cup Final place 44 years later from a seat in the arena he helped decorate.

Greenwood, an intelligent and thoughtful wing-half and centre-half with Bradford Park Avenue, Brentford, Chelsea and Fulham, succeeded Ted Fenton as manager of West Ham in 1961 and led them to success in the 1964 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.

His West Ham trio, Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters, formed the backbone of England's World Cup-winning team in 1966 under Sir Alf Ramsey and by this time Greenwood's knowledge was recognised by his appointment to the FIFA study committees for the 1966 and 1970 World Cups.

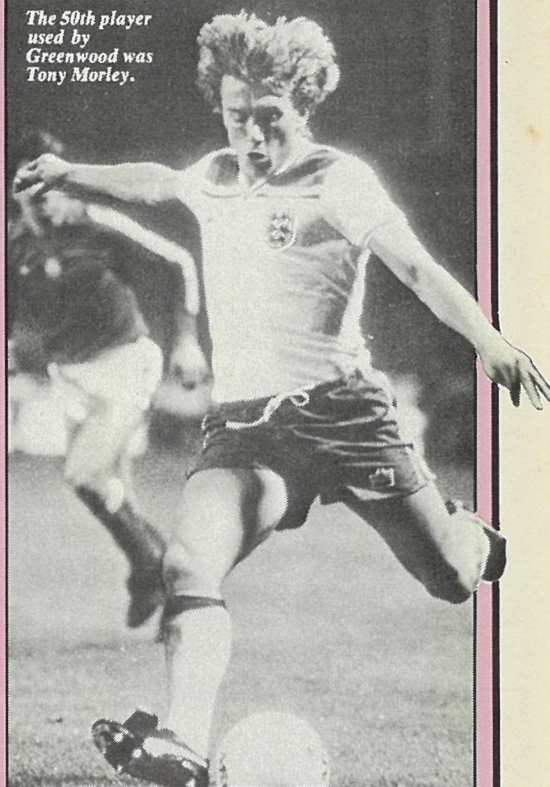
When he was given the job of caretaker and then full-time manager of the England team on August 17, 1977 his mandate was clear: to lead England to the European Championship Finals and then the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

He has achieved both goals and these are the men who helped him.

## SHOOT Tabulated figures of England internationals since Ron Greenwood's appointment on August 17, 1977

Player	Appearances under Greenwood	Goals	Debut (if under Greenwood)
Dave Watson	38	4	
Ray Wilkins	35	2	
Steve Coppell	27	5	1978 v Italy Wembley w 2-0
Ray Clemence	27		
Phil Neal	27	3 (1 pen)	
Kevin Keegan	26	12 (1 pen)	
Trevor Brooking	25	5	
Phil Thompson	23		
Mick Mills	22		
Peter Barnes	21	4	1978 v Italy Wembley w 2-0
Terry McDermott	21	3 (1 pen)	1977 v Switz. Wembley d 0-0
Trevor Francis	19	2	
Tony Woodcock	19	6	1978 v N. Ireland Wembley w 1-0
Kenny Sansom	18		1979 v Wales Wembley d 0-0
Paul Mariner	16	5	
Trevor Cherry	15		
Emlyn Hughes	14		
Bryan Robson	14	1	1980 v Eire Wembley w 2-0
Bob Latchford	12	5	1977 v Italy Wembley w 2-0
Peter Shilton	12		
Tony Currie	10	2	
Glenn Hoddle	8	2	1979 v Bulgaria Wembley w 2-0 ★ Scored on debut★
Ray Kennedy	8	1	
Viv Anderson	7		1978 v Czech. Wembley w 1-0
Joe Corrigan	6		
Brian Greenhoff	6		
Graham Rix	6		1980 v Norway Wembley w 4-0
David Johnson	5	2	
Russell Osman	5		1980 v Australia Sydney w 2-1
Laurie Cunningham	4		1979 v Wales Wembley d 0-0
Peter Withe	4		1981 v Brazil Wembley l 0-1
Alvin Martin	3		1981 v Brazil Wembley l 0-1
Garry Birtles	3		sub 1980 v Argentina Wembley w 3-1
Stuart Pearson	3	1	
Ian Callaghan	2		
Terry Butcher	2		1980 v Australia Sydney w 2-1
Eric Gates	2		1980 v Norway Wembley w 4-0
Alan Devonshire	2		1980 v N. Ireland Wembley d 1-1
Gordon Hill	2		
Kevin Reeves	2		1979 v Bulgaria Wembley w 2-0
David Armstrong	1		sub 1980 v Australia Sydney w 2-1
Kevin Beattie	1		
Mike Channon	1		
Frank Lampard	1		
Tony Morley	1		sub 1981 v Hungary Wembley w 1-0
Larry Lloyd	1		
Alan Sunderland	1		sub 1980 v Australia Sydney w 2-1
Brian Talbot	1		
Peter Ward	1		sub 1980 v Australia Sydney w 2-1
Trevor Whymark	1		sub 1977 v Luxembourg L'bourg w 2-0

The 50th player used by Greenwood was Tony Morley.



### RON GREENWOOD'S FIRST TEAM v SWITZERLAND at Wembley 7-9-77 DREW 0-0

Ray Clemence  
Phil Neal\*  
Trevor Cherry  
Terry McDermott\*  
Dave Watson  
Emlyn Hughes  
Kevin Keegan\*  
Mike Channon  
(Gordon Hill)  
Trevor Francis  
Ray Kennedy  
Ian Callaghan  
(Ray Wilkins)

### MOST RECENT INTERNATIONAL v HUNGARY at Wembley 18-11-81 WON 1-0 (Mariner 16 mins)

Peter Shilton  
Phil Neal\*  
Mick Mills  
Phil Thompson  
Alvin Martin  
Bryan Robson  
Kevin Keegan\*  
Steve Coppell  
(Tony Morley)  
Paul Mariner  
Trevor Brooking  
Terry McDermott\*

\*Only three players: Phil Neal, Terry McDermott and Kevin Keegan from Ron Greenwood's original team, which drew with Switzerland in 1977, held their place in the side which guaranteed Greenwood's dream of inclusion in the 1982 World Cup Finals with the single goal victory over Hungary, the eventual winners of the qualifying group.

None of the 50 players used by the England manager during his four year tenure has retained a place throughout the campaign.

ENGLAND's record under Ron Greenwood: P: 44; W: 25; D: 9; L: 10; F: 74; A: 37.

Dave Watson (38) tops the list of international appearances under Greenwood, with Ray Wilkins (35) a close second. Interestingly, neither player was included in the side that beat Hungary at Wembley to clinch the place in the World Cup Finals.

No fewer than 24 players have made their international debuts for Greenwood and one, Glenn Hoddle of Spurs, scored on his great night in the 2-0 win over Bulgaria in 1979.

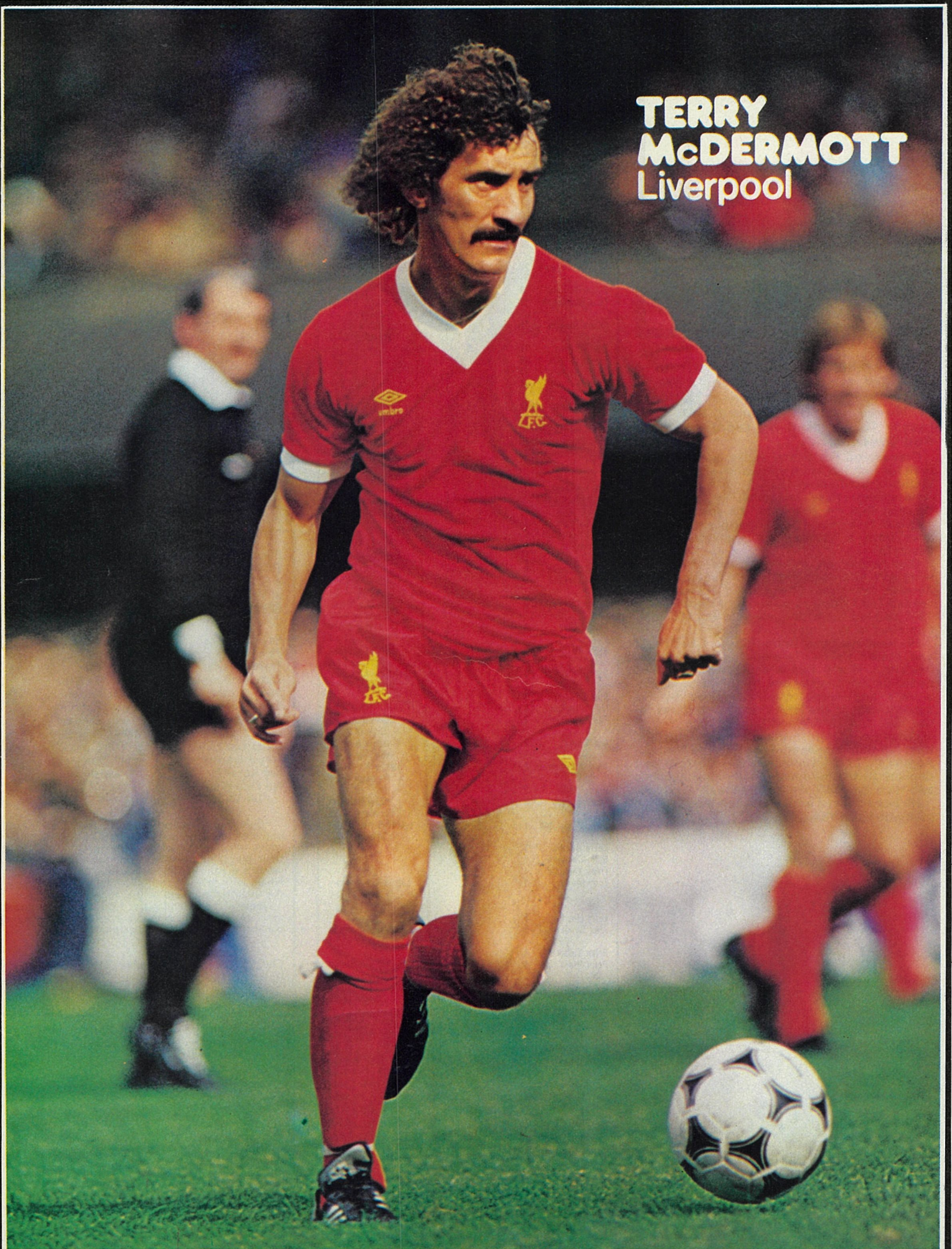
It is interesting also to compare the first and last of Greenwood's selections.



Dave Watson in action against Switzerland.

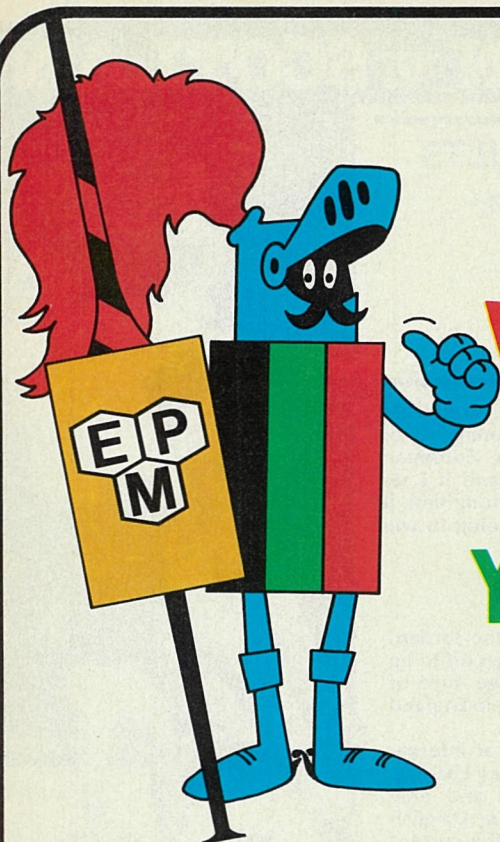


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# SPAIN v. SCOTLAND

**A** LITTLE taste of what's to come — that is the best way to describe Scotland's friendly against Spain in Valencia.

The match — on February 24 — will give Jock Stein's World Cup squad a hint of the conditions lying ahead in June and, hopefully, July when we will be on the Spanish coast for the real thing.

The match is vital to the Scotland build-up as it will be the first time that the players have been together since the draw was made in mid-January.

We can have a good look at the conditions, the quality of the host nation and, perhaps most important of all, a really good chat about what lies ahead for us all.

It is some time now since Scotland had a game — that last World Cup qualifier in Portugal was back in November which sadly turned out to be our only defeat in the qualifying stages of the tournament.

I missed that match through injury, so it is even longer since I saw the lads, although of course I have met up with some of them in club matches and at several com-

mercial ventures to do with promoting the squad.

So, one way or another, I suppose that I don't feel as if I have been away.

The sports pages of the Scottish Press have been full of what Scotland are doing ever since the draw was made.

Frankly, if you wanted to get away from the World Cup you would have to emigrate to Outer Mongolia — although I dare say they'll even be talking about the Russia v Scotland match there!

World Cup fever is raging and the match in Valencia should send it to epidemic proportions.

The last time I played for Scotland in that beautiful city was almost exactly seven years ago.

*Joe Jordan (dark shirt, right) is one of the few survivors from Scotland's last game in Spain.*



# SPAIN v. SCOTLAND

## PAST RESULTS v Spain

W.C. 1957 GLASGOW 4-2  
W.C. 1957 MADRID 1-4  
1963 MADRID 6-2  
1965 GLASGOW 0-0  
E.C. 1974 GLASGOW 1-2  
E.C. 1975 VALENCIA 1-1

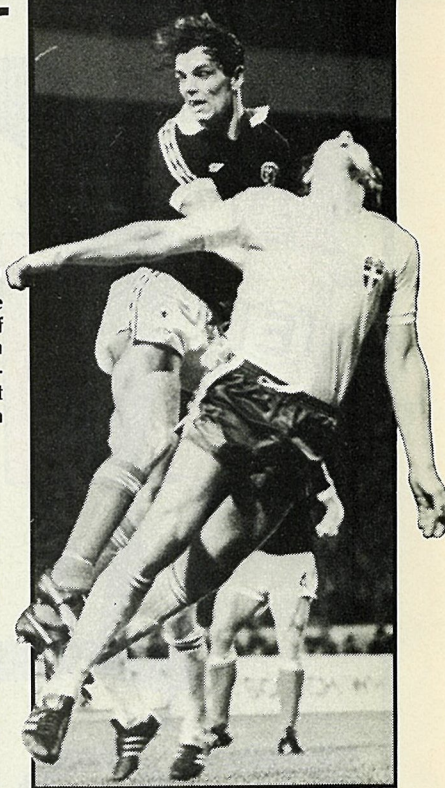
Scotland took a creditable 1-1 draw under the command of Willie Ormond in a European Championship match, and if I remember correctly for a long time it looked as if we were going to win that night.

## Replaced

The goal came from Joe Jordan, but big Joe was later taken off to be replaced by Derek Parlane, then of Rangers but now playing in England with Leeds United.

The demise of Derek at international level is one of many changes in the Scottish line-up and only yours truly, Joe and Kenny Dalglish have survived to make the current squad.

Not only will it be a new look



# 'A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME'



team this time, but we'll also be wearing our new strip for the first time.

For those of you who have not yet seen the new outfit, it takes us back to the 60's and the old V-neck style, only featuring a double white band around the neck.

And the change strip, to be worn when we play Northern Ireland on April 28, will have a Scotland team in striped jerseys for the first time.

The strip again features the V-neck, but will be red with the stripes in dark blue in the same style as Ipswich Town.

Let's hope the new fashion will dazzle a Spanish team desperate to convince the home fans that they really do have a chance of winning the World Cup in their own country this summer.

And while Spain are not my own

particular favourites to do that, it will not surprise me if they do find success, for the hosts have a terrific advantage in any competition.

The best known of the Spanish players in Scotland are Real Madrid winger Juanito and the legendary Real Sociedad 'keeper Luis Arconada.

But the Spanish fans will find out that in John Robertson and Alan Rough we have players in those positions who are intent on making their own names legendary this summer.

Join me again in two weeks . . .

*Danny McGrain*

**TARTAN TALK FROM  
RANGERS' ALLY  
DAWSON NEXT WEEK**



# SPAIN v. SCOTLAND SPAIN v. SCOTLAND

## JUANITO STRUGGLES FOR WORLD CUP SPOT

**JUANITO**, Real Madrid's 27-year-old striker rated one of the top right-wingers in Europe, is struggling to regain his place in Spain's team for the World Cup Finals.

Although he was outstanding for Spain at Wembley last March, and again for Real against Liverpool in the 1981 European Cup Final, Juanito isn't an automatic choice any more and was left out of the national team for the last three games, against Luxembourg, Poland and Belgium.

Spain manager Pepe Santamaria seems to go along with Press criticism that Juanito's superb ball-skills put a brake on the side's speedy counter-attacks and Spain have played their last three games without a recognised right-winger.

By contrast, the future looks bright for Real Sociedad's 23-year-old left-winger Roberto Lopez Ufarte.

Nicknamed The Little Devil, Lopez Ufarte scored three times against Luxembourg and Poland and will be aiming to clinch a World Cup spot by murdering the Scottish defence in Valencia next week.

### Certain

The only striker who seems reasonably certain of his place in June is the Real Sociedad centre-forward Jesus Satrustegui. Against Belgium Santamaria experimented for the first time with a double-spearhead, calling in Barcelona's veteran striker Quini to work alongside Satrustegui.

It wasn't a great success, though, and 32-year-old Quini fell into the Belgians' offside trap 11 times and failed to improve on his record of six goals in 31 international appearances.

Jock Stein travelled to Valencia for that unattractive game against Belgium, and commented: "They like to pretend they're the away team."

"They were quite happy to sit back and let the Belgians make all the running and then try to catch them on the break."

"They've got two very fine attacking full-backs in Camacho and Gordillo, but it was obvious that they had strict instructions not to go upfield at all."

"Well, we can play it canny as well, you know..."

"It's true," agrees goalkeeper and skipper Luis Arconada. "When we've gone out to attack the opposition, we've left too much space at the back, and we get caught by counter-attacks."



"We've had to learn to sit back and let the visitors do the attacking, so that we can strike on the break."

"Sometimes the fans don't understand this, and want us to push forward more. But World Cup football is all about results..."

Certainly there's more pressures on the Spaniards to produce a result amid the orange groves of their World Cup headquarters at Valencia.

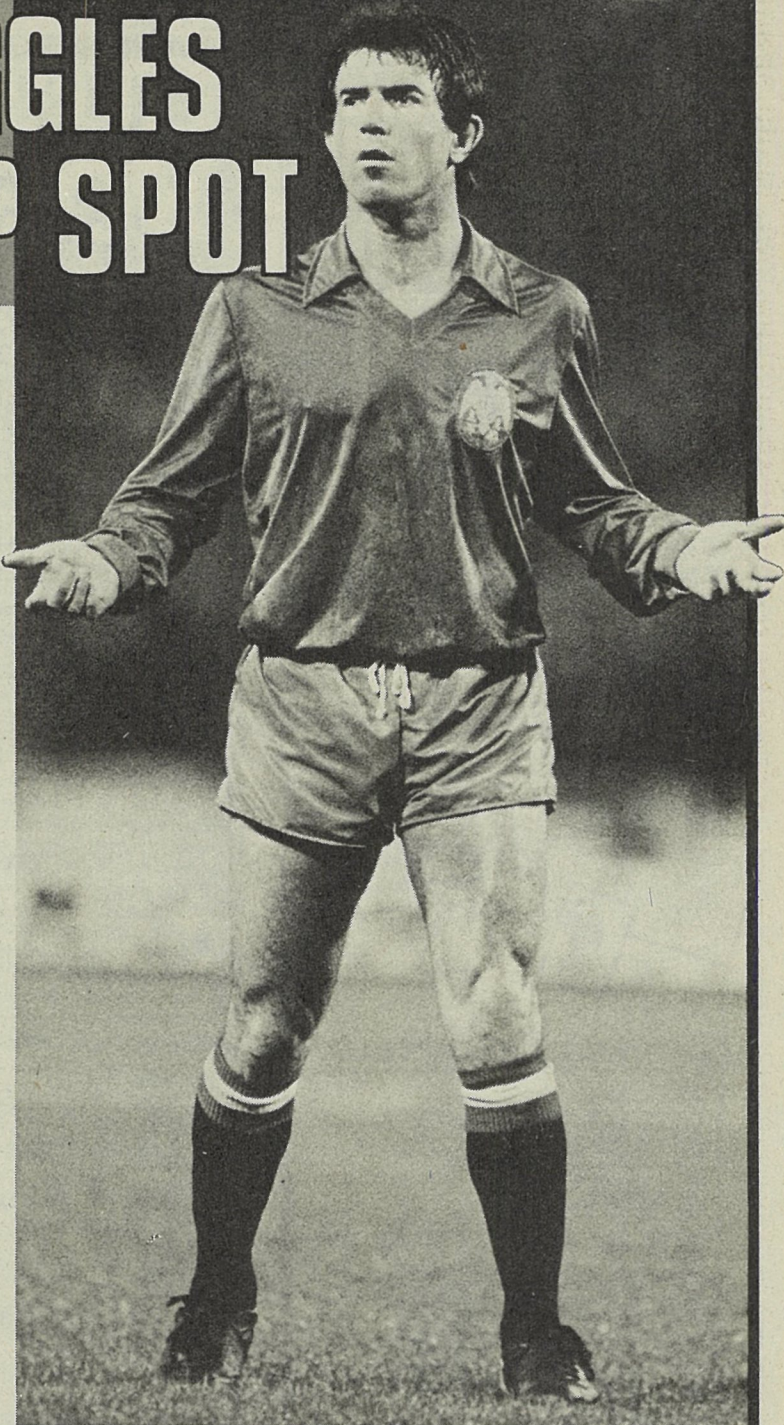
For the Scots it's simply a good opportunity to come to grips with a technically brilliant, 'possession' side who, like the Brazilians, can retain the ball for infuriatingly long spells thanks to their ball skills.

There's no way that Spain and Scotland can cross paths in the World Cup unless both reach the Final.

But this clash between two of the Finalists just 16 weeks before the big kick-off could be a significant pointer to the fate of both sides when the crunch comes in June.

"It's the perfect test for us,"

*Jesus Satrustegui is the only Spanish striker assured of his place.*



admits Spain's Uruguayan-born manager Santamaria.

"We face a British team — Northern Ireland — in the first phase. And if we qualify for the second phase, we could easily come up against England."

"What's more, I think Scotland play much the same sort of game as our other Group Five rivals Yugoslavia."

Santamaria's defence is reasonably settled, with Camacho, Alesanco, Tendillo and Gordillo a formidable back-four in front of Arconada, whom many critics feel is the best goalkeeper in the world.

Alonso and Zamora are the hub of the midfield; it's up front Santamaria is trying to find his best formation.

Experience has proved to Santamaria that even in friendlies

he's got to produce the right results.

At the moment morale is sky-high after the 3-2 win in Poland and 2-0 home defeat of Belgium. But a poor result against the Scots would pour a jug of cold water over the Spaniards' burning hopes of success in the World Cup.

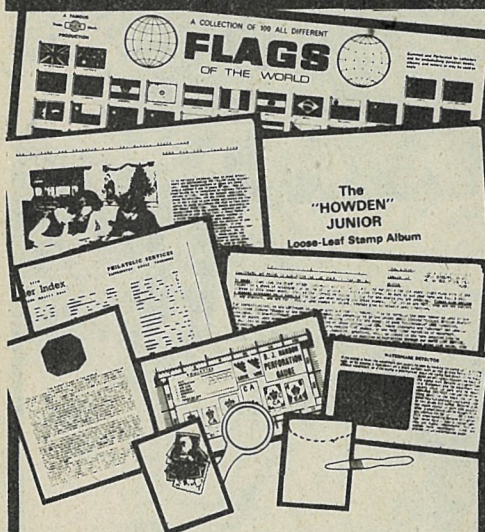
By the way, as Spain prepare for the game in their luxury World Cup headquarters at El Saler, their 'medico' Dr Guillen will be watching his step. The victim of a practical joke by Arconada and Alesanco before the Belgium game, the doctor fell awkwardly and broke a leg!

As for the Scots, they have nothing to lose in Valencia — provided they steer clear of the casino in their £50-a-day hotel at Monte Picayo!



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# JIM'S A GOOD OUTSIDE BETT FOR SPAIN

**J**IM Bett scored his 12th goal of the season with the penalty which beat Celtic at Ibrox in the January Old Firm clash.

Half those goals have been from penalties — but the others have shown that Bett, an import from Belgian football, has subtly changed his style this season.

When he first arrived at Ibrox from Belgian First Division team Lokeren the talented midfielder who had left Scotland as a teenager to play in Iceland was content to build the game slowly.

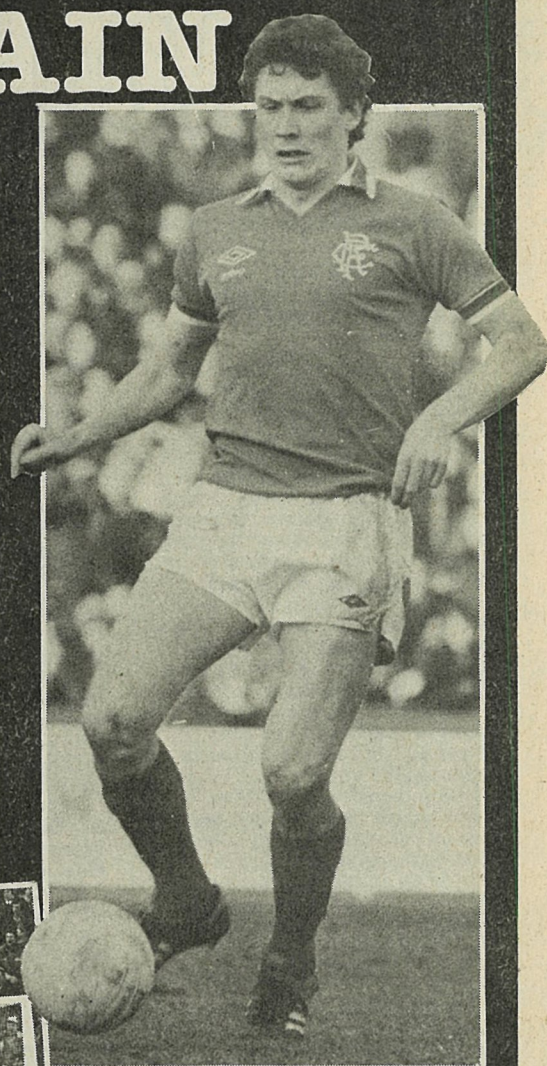
Now he says: "That is the way the game is played on the Continent. My time with Lokeren was spent concentrating on a patient build up from the back.

"But the fans in Scotland don't like that. They want the ball to get forward as quickly as possible. They don't want any time wasted in getting a team on to the attack. So, this term I've tried to change things a little.

"I still don't want to waste any passes just sending them hopefully up front. That's out for me. I prefer to keep possession as much as possible."

It has paid off in goals and it could also have a bigger pay off for Bett, the one time soccer exile.

For it's no secret that Scotland team boss Jock Stein is one of the Ibrox star's admirers. He has played him regularly in the Under-21 team during their run to the Quarter-Finals of the European Championship.



Bett (No. 6) scores the match winning penalty against Celtic.



It could be that he will also pull him into his World Cup squad when it is named.

So far Bett isn't thinking about that. He is happy establishing himself as a Rangers' regular and in the season and a half he has been with the Ibrox club he has collected two medals — a Scottish Cup medal and one from the League Cup Final this season.

He admits: "I wouldn't have come back home for any team. I knew that with Rangers you had a chance of winning honours and getting the best kind of experience.

"Honestly, a couple of years with Rangers is like having four or five years with any other club. You are playing under pressure all the time.

"You are expected to win games and trophies — no matter who you come up against.

"I have enjoyed it so far and the goals make it better. Last season I managed to get five but with the penalties this term I've done better.

"I had only taken one with Lokeren before I started taking them for Rangers. It happened

after we had missed one or two and I said to the boss, John Greig, that I would have a go. It doesn't worry me at all. Even in the Old Firm game with so much at stake I didn't feel nervous.

"Honestly, I wouldn't lose any sleep over missing one. I try to delay making my mind up until the last minute. Then, if there is an indication from the goalkeeper about which way he is going to move I hit it for the other corner."

The one which beat Pat Bonner in the Old Firm match was easily the most important he has scored so far.

He realises that and tells you: "We had to win that game, otherwise Celtic would have stayed well ahead of us. Now we have managed to pull them back a bit at least and it's up to other teams to pick up from there and maybe take more points from them.

"I think I helped keep the title race open — but all I want to do is help Rangers. If we can win the Premier Division then I'll be happy."

That's as may be — what Bett did do was open up the League race for almost half the teams in the Top Ten just as it looked as if Celtic would have the title won by Easter.

Meanwhile, his other goals and his shrewd midfield skills could earn him a summer trip to Spain.



**Scotland boss Jock Stein will receive — and ignore — a lot of 'expert' advice as he prepares his squad for Spain, including those who suggest that the Scotland supremo should . . .**



# DROP DALGLISH!

**D**R**O**P Kenny Dalglish . . .  
axe Steve Archibald . . .  
forget about Graeme  
Souness . . . Asa Hartford is  
over the hill . . .

The suggestions given to Scotland supremo Jock Stein (right) as he prepares his final assault plans for the World Cup in Spain are never ending.

Stein listens patiently, with the ease of a man who has been through it all before, as the pressure mounts. He looks through a long list of names, knows exactly who is playing to form and who is not and says: "We've still got a bit of the season to go before we make some hard decisions."

"I've said all along that there are places in my plans for good young players. There's little point in me

saying something and meaning something else.

"A player not doing too well at the moment could peak in June and July when we need him most."

Stein refuses to press the panic button, and he has unquestionable attributes to back his present day thoughts and judgments.

He knows only too well that Scotland, under Ally MacLeod, went out to the last World Cup Finals boasting Britain's finest midfield trio in Bruce Rioch, Don Masson and Asa Hartford.

It's only too evident that Rioch, Masson and Hartford peaked a year too early and by the time they reached Argentina their ideas had dried up.

## Flourish

So Stein would probably worry more at present if the likes of Dalglish and Archibald were scoring every week and using up the goal supply he hopes will flourish in Spain.

The Scotland manager is not hiding from his responsibilities, but reacting to the problems that come his way in a dignified fashion.

Former skipper Archie Gemmill recently had a go at the Scotland boss, saying he wouldn't play for the international side again.

Stein refuses to be dragged into a war of words, but you can be sure of one thing . . . Archie



Gemmill will get his wish. He won't play for Scotland again!

Gemmill, who alleges Stein told him he would be the captain in Spain if Scotland qualified, would probably have been named in the original pool of 40, but missing when it was whittled down to 22. Now he has saved Stein the bother of dropping him.

There is no animosity about Stein. He believes in giving every player a second chance, but if he feels a liberty is being taken he will collapse on the offender like a ton of bricks.

Because of his injury problems Steve Archibald wasn't hitting the net with the same astonishing

regularity as last season, but Stein hasn't written him off.

"Every striker goes through a spell like that," says Stein logically. "You would have to be a superman to get goals game after game, season after season."

Alan Gilzean, the former Scottish international idol who was also a great favourite with the Spurs fans, agrees with Stein and states firmly: "We all know the qualities of Steve Archibald."

"He isn't a bad player now because he isn't scoring goals every week. I went through the same barren spells myself when I was at White Hart Lane. So, too, did Jimmy Greaves."

"Time tends to dim some people's memories. To hear them talk today you would think Jimmy and I cracked in a hat-trick each every second game."

"I've every confidence Archibald will start knocking them in again when he returns to full fitness."

## Superstar

And what about Kenny Dalglish? If anyone knows about the qualities of the Liverpool superstar it is surely Stein, who first introduced the player to senior soccer when both were with Celtic.

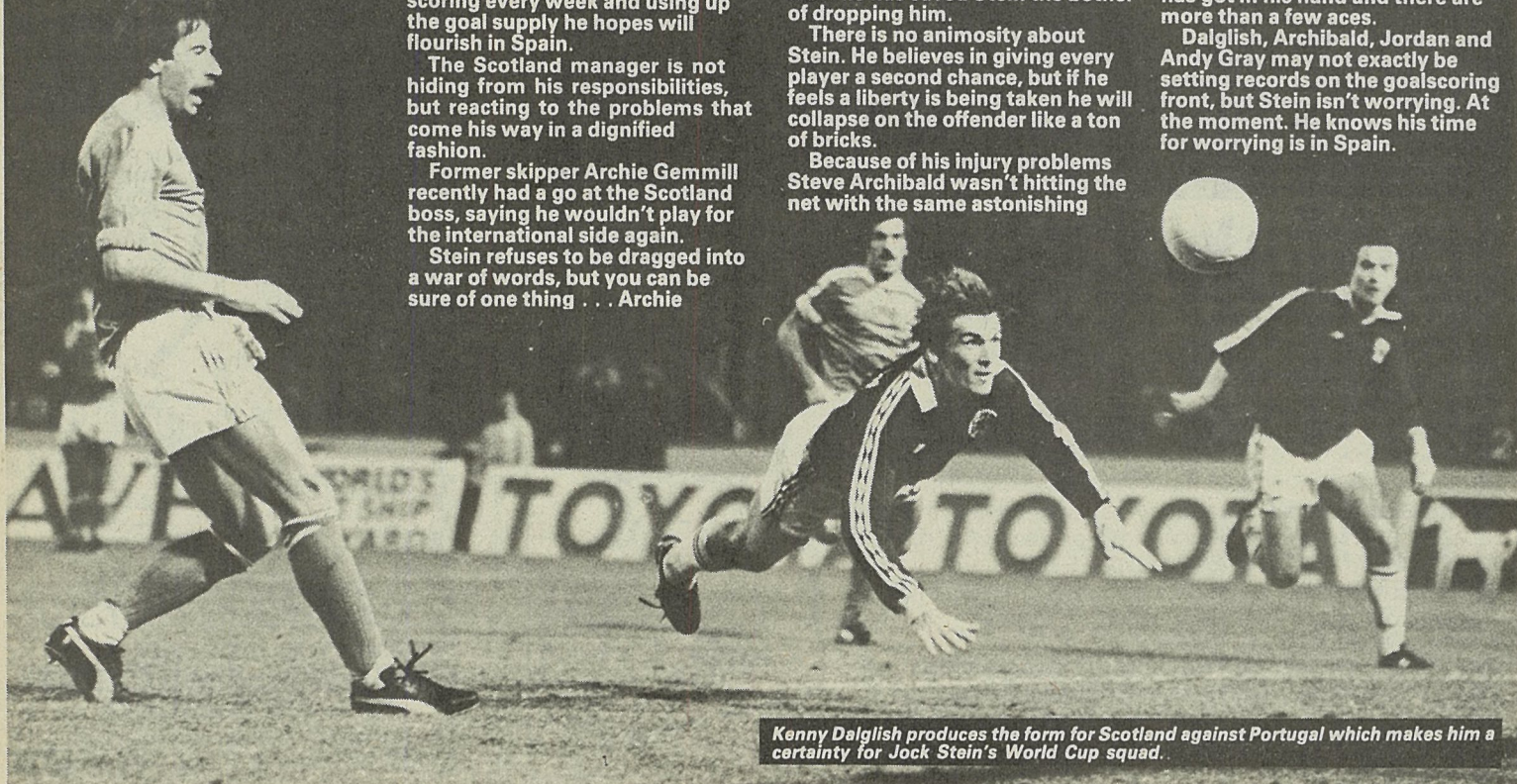
Stein left him out at the start of the Portuguese match, but pushed him on in the second-half as a substitute.

Frankly, Dalglish's form hasn't been startlingly brilliant for Scotland recently, but he will still be a valuable and vital member of the squad in Spain.

Dalglish, along with Joe Jordan, has played in the last two World Cups in West Germany and Argentina and his experience could be a key factor. The same obviously goes for Jordan.

Stein always plays his cards close to his chest. When people talk about a crisis he gives a wry smile. He knows exactly what he has got in his hand and there are more than a few aces.

Dalglish, Archibald, Jordan and Andy Gray may not exactly be setting records on the goalscoring front, but Stein isn't worrying. At the moment. He knows his time for worrying is in Spain.



Kenny Dalglish produces the form for Scotland against Portugal which makes him a certainty for Jock Stein's World Cup squad.





**EVERY** cloud has a silver lining — or that's what Leicester City striker Alan Young believes.

For the 26-year-old Scot thinks the painful knee injury which put him in hospital at the end of last year could end up as a crucial turning point in his career.

Young needed a cartilage operation after a much publicised injury on the Queens Park Rangers Omniturf in October.

It forced him out of action for two months, but he says: "It's changed my attitude to the game — I've suddenly realised how lucky I am."

"It was a miserable time, sitting at home unable to do anything or go anywhere," he recalls.

"You tend to take life in football for granted, and it made me appreciate how much the day to day routine of training and playing matches means to me."

"I was a terrible patient. I couldn't wait to get back. I must

ing about his goalscoring record — only seven in 38 League appearances last season.

"Our manager Jock Wallace keeps on at me that I don't get into dangerous positions often enough. I decided that was fair comment — and that I'd try to put it right once I was fit again."

In fact he celebrated his return by scoring the two goals that knocked star-studded Southampton out of the F.A. Cup.

## Alan's not the Young of old

have driven my wife Julie round the bend, I was so miserable at home — really bad to live with.

"I never realised just what a serious operation a cartilage is. I lost a stone in weight and was so weak it was unbelievable."

Young spent his time playing with sons Wesley (three) and Jordan (one) — and reading.

"My favourite author is Wilbur Smith — he writes adventure stories set in Africa. By the end of six weeks I had read all his books, and knew every inch of the African jungle backwards!"

Young also did some hard think-

"That was a great way to get back — especially the second which was an absolute dream of a header. But that's got to be just the start of the new me."

So has a new lease of life made Young feel less bitter about the artificial turf which, he claimed, caused the injury in the first place?

"No I still believe that if I had turned in the same way on grass it wouldn't have happened. The pitch definitely caused it, I'll always believe that."

"I still don't think there's any need for artificial turf — and not even the bad weather has changed my mind. There's too many people trying to change football, and there's no need to. It's a great game."



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**T**HE LEAGUE Championship race is one of the most exciting and open for years, thanks to the three point system introduced at the start of the season.

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The Championship might not be decided until the last ball has been kicked. Unfortunately the relegation issue looks a lot clearer, with the two North-East clubs Middlesbrough and Sunderland in desperate positions.



**GARY SHAW**

**Soccer as I see it**

played a big part in Albion's revival, but the turning point was the signing of Martin Jol the Dutch international from FC Twente.

Martin has provided the missing spark and steel to Albion's midfield. I know he's had a few bookings, but I'd put that down to enthusiasm and the lack of a little technique. Ronnie Allen will soon polish off the rough edges.

Derek Statham is also doing well at left-back, and there aren't many strikers better than Cyrille Regis.

tial have achieved nothing of note over the years.

At the time of writing they've gone some 15 months without an away win in the League and could be the club to join Sunderland and Boro in the Second Division next season.

This Saturday (February 20th) Villa will be aiming to pile on more agony for Blues when we visit St. Andrews.

Last season's game was my first local derby against our old rivals and I got so caught up in the atmosphere I can remember little about the match except that Villa won 2-1.

With players such as Archie Gem-

mill, Alan Curbishley, Tony van Mierlo, Tony Evans and Frank Worthington, they certainly have a lot of natural flair and attacking skills.

But Blues must tighten up at the back and not allow opponents off the hook when they're in front. Hope they don't follow my advice on Saturday, though.

See you soon . . .

*Gary Shaw*

# 'VILLA WON'T GO DOWN'

No club has a divine right to a place in the First Division, not even reigning Champions. In fact, I've already read reports in the Press tipping Villa as candidates for the drop.

They're right. The Champions could well go down but although relegation is a possibility for Villa, I'm confident we have enough good players to fight our way out of trouble.

Even though Ron Saunders shocked us all with his recent resignation, we are all fighting hard to get Villa out of trouble.

Apart from the injuries which hit us earlier on, our home form is awful. We must get back to the basics of grit and determination . . . follow Liverpool's example.

It makes me laugh when the experts write them off. Criticism seems to inspire Liverpool to come back better and stronger than ever.

They were certainly back to their devastating best at Villa Park on January 30th when they beat us 3-0.

Everyone worked hard for each other and they played it simple, battling for every ball.

## Helpless

I didn't play in that game but sat helpless in the stands with my leg in plaster.

As you know, I've suffered an injury to the knee joint. Fluid built up and the club decided to encase the leg in plaster to ensure I rested the knee.

Sitting in the stands I was an easy target for Villa fans desperate for us to get back to last season's form.

I can't blame them for being angry and bitter, but it's in situations like this that we need their support more than ever.

But we aren't the only Midlands club in trouble in the First Division. The big five . . . ourselves, Wolves, Birmingham, Coventry and West Brom are all down in the wrong half of the table.

The only recent bright spot is at The Hawthorns. WBA manager Ronnie Allen has completely reorganised the side and the players have responded.

Skipper John Wile has obviously

With World Cup places at stake they've certainly timed their return to form well.

I hope Wolves can also pull themselves out of the depression which has hit Molineux this season.

Trouble behind the scenes and the sacking of manager John Barnwell has seriously affected the con-

fidence and morale of the players and fans.

I feel particularly sorry for my old club-mate Andy Gray, whose professional attitude during this whole sad affair has done him much credit.

I hope new boss Ian Greaves can keep them up.

Birmingham City are facing their usual battle for survival. It's amazing that a club with so much poten-



**RIGHT:** Martin Jol, the big Dutchman who has added steel and bite to WBA's midfield.  
**BELOW:** Action from Villa's goalless draw at home to Birmingham this season.





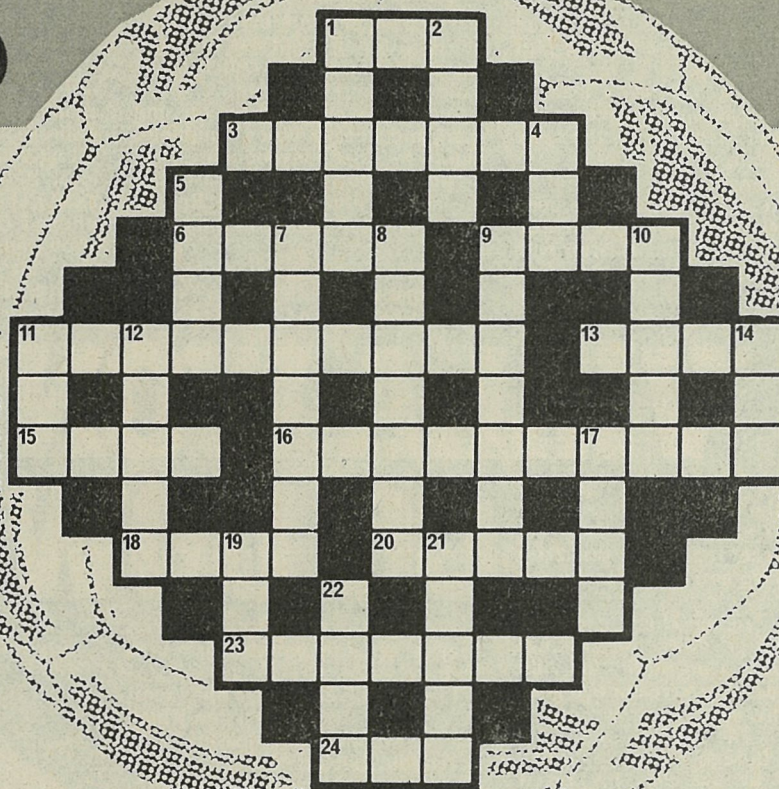
# On the ball CROSSWORD

## ACROSS:—

- (1) ---drie, Scottish club from Broomfield Park. (3)
- (3) Mick —, Norwich City midfielder player. (7)
- (6) Remi —, Manchester United player. (5)
- (9) "Firm hold" . . . as the ref needs to keep on the game! (4)
- (11) Club from which Joe Bolton was transferred to Middlesbrough. (10)
- (13) Joe —, Cambridge United striker. (4)
- (15) Peter —, Aberdeen's record-transfer striker. (4)
- (16) Striker for 11 Across. (4 & 6)
- (18) Falls behind or goes too slow. (4)
- (20) Mike —, defender recently signed by Bolton. (5)
- (23) — Road; ground of Ipswich Town. (7)
- (24) Neil Robin —, Swansea defender. (3)

## DOWN:—

- (1) No player should — with the referee decision. (5)
- (2) Nickey —, Manchester City defender. (3)
- (4) Trevor Ch---y; Leeds and England defender. (3)
- (5) In the centre of. (4)
- (7) Steve —, another Cambridge striker. (7)
- (8) Was the most outstanding player on the field . . . or the stage. (7)
- (9) Kevin —, Orient striker. (7)
- (10) Andy —, Leicester City midfielder player. (5)
- (11) Legia War---; a leading Polish club. (3)
- (12) Terry —, Arsenal manager. (5)
- (14) Nocturnal bird associated with Sheffield Wednesday — by nickname. (3)
- (17) Make the initial letters of Hull, Wolves, Torquay and Everton into a word meaning "sharpen". (4)
- (19) Space through which to move or score. (3)
- (21) Russell —, Ipswich Town defender. (5)
- (22) Irish League club from a very hard shot! (4)



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**B**IRMINGHAM City's collapse from potential European competition qualifiers to relegation battlers stems directly from misbehaviour by members of the squad.

That is the brutally honest opinion of City's Dutch international striker Tony van Mierlo.

The 24-year-old Dutchman believes City had the necessary skill and experience within their squad to have finished the season in the top six of the First Division and qualified for next season's UEFA Cup.

But now he accepts that Birmingham face a backs-to-the-wall fight for survival.

"It is disappointing," he says: "because we play good, attacking football. It is the policy of our manager, Jim Smith. We were difficult to beat at the beginning of the season because we had a good and settled team.

"Southampton were hammered 4-0, Manchester City 3-0, Nottingham Forest 4-3 and we drew with Ipswich and Manchester United. One good result can just be result of a one-off good day. But City achieved a high level of play week after week.

"Then came the suspensions and the team was disrupted. Injuries were also partly to blame.

"But we lost players of calibre — Kevin Dillon, Mark Dennis and Kevan Broadhurst. It was unfortunate for them because it interrupted their form and unfortunate for the team, also.

"They were suspended and I think this was the major turning point for the team as a whole.

"I am not criticising my colleagues. That is not my place. But it is a great pity we lost them because injuries are trouble enough on their own."

Van Mierlo, capped three times by Holland, joined City from Dutch club Willem II Tilburg in June, 1981. The former PSV Eindhoven

Mark Dennis on the ball against Ipswich. But the young full-back has been let down by his temper.



## BAD BOYS RUIN BRUM'S SEASON

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Tony van Mierlo (left) has worked hard to please manager Jim Smith (right).



striker cost £150,000, and although he has yet to set the League alight in the style of his fellow countrymen at Ipswich, he believes he can play his part in this season's survival fight... and next season's bid for honours.

"I believe that playing in the Football League makes a Continental player a better player all round.

"The First Division now has players from Holland, Belgium, Norway, Uruguay, Argentina and Yugoslavia. I believe they have added colour to English football and have improved their own game in return.

"For me, the problem is getting back into the Dutch national side. Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen at Ipswich are constantly in the news because their team is looking good for the Championship.

"I want to become part of Holland's squad for the 1984 European Championship. I also want to stay with Birmingham. So the solution is for City to move up the table and for me to play better and consistently."

Jim Smith's determination to create an attractive side as well as a successful one has earned an extended career in the First Division for Frank Worthington, whose

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finishing skills are still to be envied.

And certainly the skill factor is not Smith's problem, because there is an abundance of it within his squad.

Smith can call upon men like the vastly experienced former England sweeper Colin Todd; Republic of Ireland full-back David Langan; Belgian-born Pat Van Den Hauwe and the explosive but talented Mark Dennis.

### Envy

Alan Curbishley's skills might still be gracing Upton Park had it not been for Trevor Brooking.

Kevin Dillon is the envy of many First Division managers and former Cardiff striker Tony Evans can be as sharp as any at this level.

Within this framework Smith must achieve consistency, a higher level of individual discipline and harness, without blunting, the individual skills into a team unit.

Van Mierlo adds: "I know I must adjust to the team and to the style of play in England.

"In Holland we play with two wingers and one striker. English teams use their wingers as mid-field men as well.

"It is extra work, very hard and takes time to get used to. But I am learning and glad I came to St Andrews. I have no doubts that we will pull through."





# BIRMINGHAM CITY



**BACK ROW** (left to right):  
 Tony Evans, Kevan  
 Broadhurst, Tony van  
 Mierlo, Mark Dennis, Bud  
 Brocken.  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Pat Van Den  
 Hauwe, Phil Hawker, Tony  
 Coton, Jeff Wealands, Kevin  
 Dillon, Neil Whatmore.  
**FRONT ROW:** Alan  
 Curbishley, Ian Handysides,  
 Frank Worthington, Archie  
 Gemmill, David Langan,  
 Colin Todd.





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# BURNS gives Leeds new HART



**R**EMEMBER Charlton and Hunter? Well you couldn't really forget Big Jack and Norman after their long association in the Leeds United defence which was one of the meanest ever seen in Europe!

Now, Leeds believe they may have found a combination to match it. Since the arrival of Kenny Burns to play alongside Paul Hart Leeds have taken on a very solid look and the two men could act as a spur to each other in the chase for international recognition.

In their first nine games together Hart and Burns dovetailed nicely so that the team with the worst defensive record in the entire League was able to shed that unwanted statistic.

Burns cost £400,000 from Nottingham Forest but already he's looking worth every penny and his inspiring captaincy has been a bonus.

On his debut against West Bromwich Albion Burns whipped up those around him to such good effect that Ronnie Allen's side were despatched with consummate ease — and remember he'd just come into a team which had

won only one of its first 11 matches and conceded a horrifying 22 goals, including five at Swansea, and four at both Coventry and Manchester City.

The following week Sunderland were beaten, and Burns, who has never been accused of being a softie, had the Wearsiders manager Alan Durban tearing on to the pitch complaining bitterly about a tackle on his young apprentice Barry Venison.

Kenny Burns had very definitely signalled his arrival at Leeds.

## New Foe

There was a sentimental journey to Nottingham to face the new foe Forest, which ended in a 2-1 defeat — but in all honesty that was better than Leeds had achieved in all their previous away games, and for the first time Leeds began to look like a First Division side with Hart and Burns giving opponents something to think about.

But then came a setback with Burns dislocating a finger so badly in training that he was expected to be out of the game for a month.

Typically he was back within a fortnight, only to be disappointed in the game at Southampton,

where United fell back into old ways, losing 4-0, and to make matters worse Burns even put through his own goal.

That defeat needed him to such an extent that Leeds weren't beaten again in 1981.

Away form picked up with successive wins at Stoke, in the League, and Wolves in the Cup, and Spurs and Swansea went away from Elland Road goalless.

Paul Hart has been on the fringe of the England squad for a couple of years now. Perhaps all he needs for that final push is the extra confidence given by having a man of Burns's stature alongside. Although he's now on the transfer list, he'll still give his all.

As for Burns he may have been overlooked on occasions by Jock Stein, but after the fiasco of Argentina, he's determined to try and put the record straight in Spain. And who would bet against it?

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Andy Gray has not been able to find the net this season and as a result Wolves are struggling to stay in the First Division.

# 'STRIKERS ON STRIKE!'

Wolves to stay in the First Division.

Kevin Reeves started as if he wanted to win the First Division title for City by Christmas. He has scored ten goals, which is not failure by any means, but had a lean patch between mid-November and January 30 when he returned to form to crack two goals into Birmingham's net in City's 4-2 win.

Two or three months ago West Ham's Paul Goddard must have been rubbing his hands with glee at the prospect of soaking up the sun with England in Spain this summer.

Then things went a bit sour for him — and The Hammers manager John Lyall made him sub for the visit to Manchester United. Typical of Paul, he shrugged off the disappointment of losing his place and featured on the

**T**HIS job of striking can be a desperately lonely business when you're not scoring goals.

There are times when you wonder if you have a friend in the world.

Just take my situation. Four goals between the start of my Forest career and the beginning of February was hardly headline-making stuff.

Suspension did nothing to boost my confidence and it doesn't need me to tell you that I have not been a success by any stretch of the imagination.

But just when I was beginning to feel sorry for myself, I studied the goalscoring performances of other strikers in the First Division.

It didn't take too long to discover that I'm not the only centre-forward in the country having a lean time at the moment. I'm not making excuses for failure, simply spelling out the situation right across the board.

The list of star strikers wondering whether they've lost the magic goal-touch that made them household names is frightening.

Steve Archibald had scored only three times by the end of January. Poor Steve has suffered horribly from injuries and other problems this season.

Charging around the pitch like "Rob Roy", he scored 25 League and Cup goals for Spurs last season

to shatter the illusion that Anglo-Scots don't have enough talent to play in the First Division.

But this season life has turned sour for Steve and my sympathies go out to him.

Fortunately, my old chum Garth Crooks — I always look him up after a game at Spurs — has compensated for Steve's shortage of goals, and young Mark Falco shows a lot of promise whenever he leads the Spurs attack.

## Cursing

Andy Gray and Kevin Reeves, like me £1 million men, must be cursing their bad luck in a wretched time. They are both proven goalscorers with an eye for the net whenever they get a sniff but the cupboard has often been bare for them in recent weeks.

The arrival of Ian Greaves as manager at Wolves could be just the stimulus Andy needs to get among the goals again and book his passage to Spain with Scotland.

Another incentive for the Molineux idol to add to his miserable tally of three goals by the end of January is the desperate need for

On the ball with  
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goal chart when West Ham snapped back to form with a 3-1 win over West Bromwich Albion.

Bob Latchford's revival at Swansea shook a fair number of soccer experts I can tell you. Most people thought big Bob was finished when he became a regular for Everton reserves. Then along came John Toshack, Swansea's manager, to rescue his career.

Big Bob had scored nine goals by the end of January, but after they had flowed from him like North Sea oil in the first couple of months, defences closed around the former England striker and opportunities in the box became scarce.

The infuriating problem of getting the ball in the net is not confined to Football League strikers. Poor old Joe Jordan has had a bad time with Juventus since his move there from Manchester United.

Few strikers are as aggressive in the box as the big Scot, but he's found it difficult to breach tough Italian defences that give you as much room as a fan on the terraces at a full-house at Wembley.

So why do the goals dry up for strikers, many of them proven goalscorers? I don't pretend to



Spurs' Steve Archibald, who led the scorers' list last season.

know the answer save to say that a change of club, loss of confidence, a niggling injury, tactical deficiencies and loss of form can all affect you in various ways.

I take heart from Garry Birtles' experience at Manchester United. The former Forest striker has found his touch when he must have wondered if he'd ever score another goal.

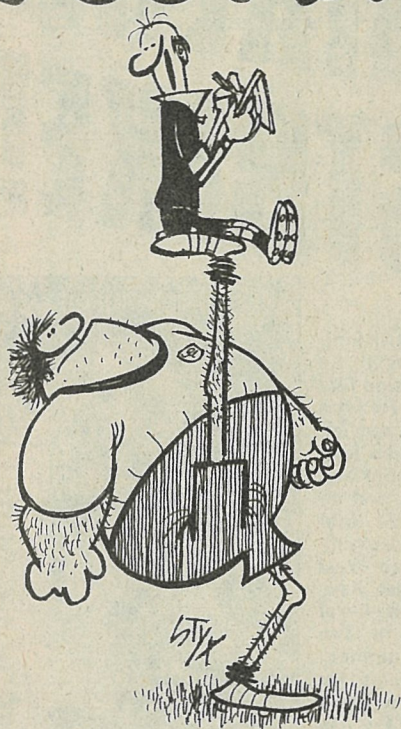
Now it's my turn to get all the publicity for not scoring — and I don't like it. I know I must get goals soon if I'm not to be labelled a waste of money.

As Muhammad Ali would say: "I shall return . . ."

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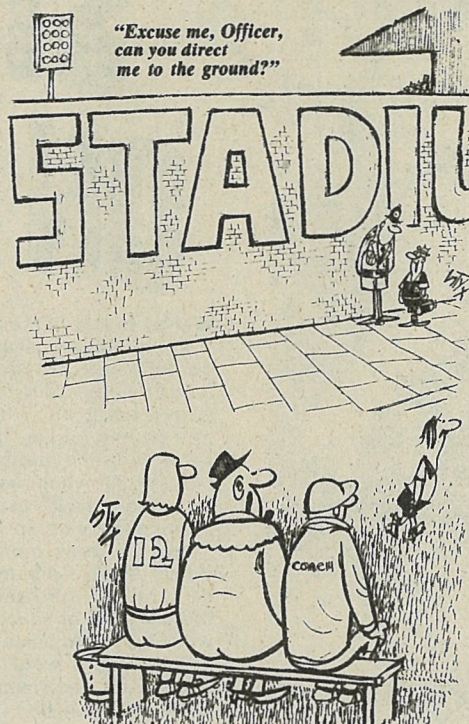


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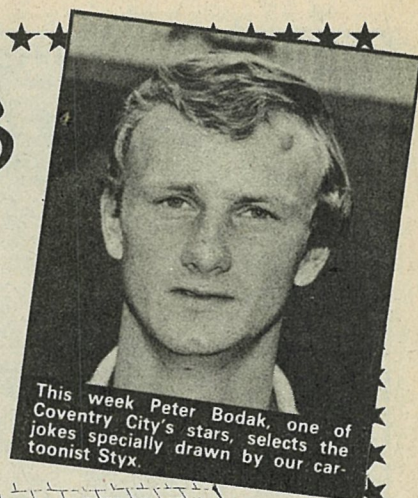


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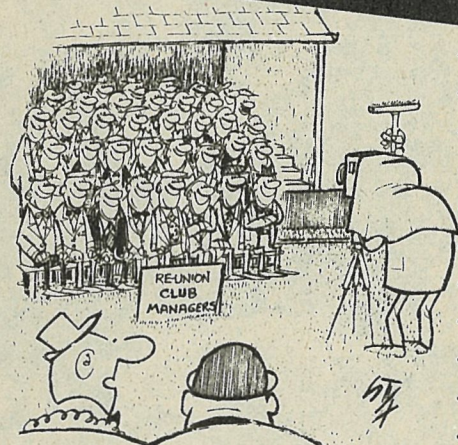
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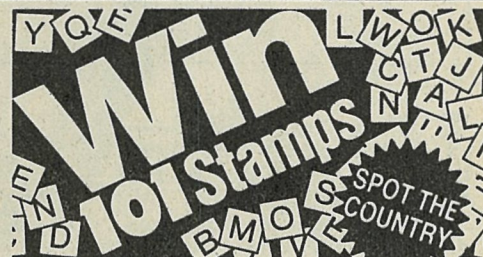
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This week's Star Letter comes from Ian Smith of Co. Antrim who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

## ENGLISH HYPOCRISY

AT LAST the hypocrisy of the English F.A. has been shown to the world. I am of course referring to England's seeding, therefore playing all their games in the middle of bandit terrorist country of the Basque region in Bilbao.

It is very strange that England accepted this situation when in 1981 they refused to travel to Windsor Park to play Northern Ireland.

I seem to remember their excuse at the time was the high level of violence.

This was a very cowardly decision because all terrorist groups said that they would not try to disrupt the game.

The Spanish terrorists have already said that they will ruin the World Cup and nobody will be in more danger than the English team.

● Presumably England felt it wasn't worth putting themselves at risk for the British Championship, but the World Cup's a different matter...

## Shrinking Frank

FRANK STAPLETON may be going strong in the goal stakes this season, but he appears to be shrinking in stature.

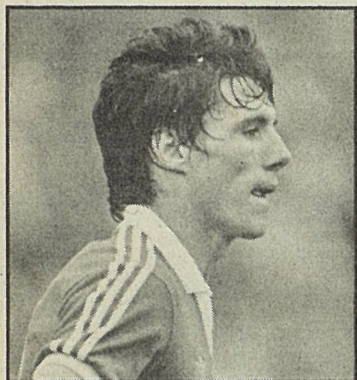
In the past five years SHOOT has done three focuses on Stapleton and when I compared them recently I noticed Frank has shrunk 1/4" each time.

In his first focus he was 5' 11 1/2", in his second 5' 11 1/4" and in his most recent 5' 11".

If he carries on like this 'BIG FRANK' will become 'little FRANK'!

ANTHONY ROBERTS,  
HAWARDEN.

● Maybe his hairstyle has changed — or he's wearing shorter studs!



## Only four

KENNY SMITH from Hamilton said "There are only four clubs with any hope in Scotland."

Although I do not fully support the new Premier Division system, I must say that under the old system only Celtic and Rangers won the honours.

The big two are no longer getting it all their own way, and I believe this is directly due to clubs having to fight harder to survive in the Premier Division, which can't be all that bad for football.

JIM GORDON,  
KING'S LYNN.

● Celtic seem to have this season's title wrapped up already, though, while Rangers have already won the League Cup.

## Keep the Giantkillers

A READER said that teams such as Kuwait and Honduras should not play in the World Cup and give way to teams like Holland and East Germany who failed to qualify.

Would the same person say that teams like Enfield or Blyth Spartans should be excluded from the F.A. Cup?

How are small teams supposed to improve if they cannot compete against big teams?

No one can overlook the excitement they bring. All Cups should have their fair share of little teams or giantkillers.

NIGEL LONGDEN,  
SHEFFIELD.

● I can think of a few League clubs who would have been more than happy had the non-League teams been excluded from the F.A. Cup!

## England surprise

THERE appears to be a popular opinion that England will do well to reach the second phase of the World Cup.

This theory is unjustified, because when England failed to qualify in 1974, the team who qualified instead, Poland, finished in third place.

In 1978, again England were narrowly pipped for qualification, by Italy, who finished fourth.

Now England have qualified for the Finals, and however fortunate they were in qualifying they will surprise many people and do well.

PAUL ROBERTS,  
FLINT.

● Perhaps... but realistically it's hard to be too optimistic about their chances looking at their 1981 form.

## Pen-pal

I'M a 14-year-old New Zealand boy. My favourite English team is Ipswich. I would like to correspond with an Ipswich supporter of about the same age.

PAUL ANDERSON,  
23, PARSONS STREET,  
NEW PLYMOUTH,  
NEW ZEALAND.

## Arsenal tip

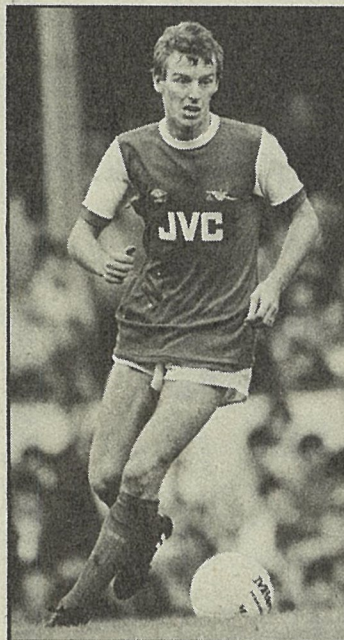
IF anyone needs a tip for the Team of the 80's, look no further than Arsenal.

There seems to be a never-ending stream of young talent at Highbury with players like Chris Whyte, Brian McDermott, Raphael Meade, Stewart Robson, Paul Davis and Paul Vaessen all being given their chance recently.

When you think that many of Arsenal's established first teamers such as David O'Leary, Graham Rix (below), Kenny Sansom and Peter Nicholas are all aged under 25, it is obvious that the glory days are not too far away from Highbury again.

IAN SAMPSON,  
DORCHESTER.

● Before the glory days return to Highbury Arsenal must start scoring a few more goals.



## Let's try shut-down

DANNY McGRAIN wants two whole months shut-down. How, then, will the fan's interest be kept?

Compulsory attendance at grounds to practise hurling abuse and missiles, perhaps?

Even better — journalists could produce fictional match reports, quotes from players, managers etc. to keep the public interest alive.

Some of them are already quite proficient at this!

Seriously, though, the argument for a winter shut-down continues yearly.

There are many points both for and against it but the only way that a valid assessment of its effectiveness could be made would be by giving it a try.

PATRICIA WYLIE,  
WIDNES.

● Scotland seem set to do just that. If they do, let's hope winter doesn't start early or late next season.

## True fans

ENGLAND fans have their critics, some of them deservedly so.

I'm urging every one of them who will be in Spain to show the Spanish authorities and the world what England fans are truly like — as loyal to the game of soccer as the players are loyal to their country.

SANDRA MILLWARD,  
PORTSMOUTH.

● I'm optimistic that the England fans will behave themselves, if only because the Spanish authorities will put on such a show of strength.

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## Foreign star

Who was the first overseas star to play in the Football League?

PETER TOMKA,  
CZECHOSLOVAKIA

● There were one or two amateurs as far back as just after the turn of the century, Peter, but most people would reckon the first real star was Nils Middelboe, a Dane who played for Chelsea just before and after the First World War.

A towering 6ft. 4in. international wing-half — who captained the club, and also played for Denmark in two Olympic Finals — he was a firm favourite with Chelsea fans during his stay over here.

## Postponed Final

Has a Wembley F.A. Cup Final ever had to be postponed because of the weather?

ZULKIFLEE HARON,  
WEST MALAYSIA

● Not because of bad weather on the actual day itself, Zulkiflee.

But the 1963 Final, in which Manchester United beat Leicester 3-1, was played three weeks later than originally scheduled — on the 25th, instead of 4th, of May.

This, however, was due to earlier problems of a very "frozen" winter — the Third Round, started on 5th January, wasn't finally completed until 11th March! — and a huge backlog of Cup and League fixtures which forced an extension to the season.

## Charles Buchan

Charles Buchan figured in a most unusual transfer deal when he moved from Sunderland to Arsenal — adding on £100 for each goal he scored the following season. How many did he get?

R. W. ROBERTS,  
CHELMSFORD

● When Buchan signed for Arsenal in 1925, he was already 33 — and, though still a great player, decidedly "getting-on" in strict football terms.

So the fee agreed was £2,000 — still quite a sum, as the current record was then only £5,500 — plus that £100 per goal.

Buchan scored 19 goals in 39 First Division games that season — plus another couple in the F.A. Cup — so, in the end, his transfer cost Arsenal an extra £2,100.

## SHORT PASSES

● Youngest player to play in an F.A. Cup Final is Paul Allen — for West Ham v. Arsenal in 1980 — who was 17 years 256 days at the time.

(PETER GOH, Singapore)

● Kevin Beattie played in nine full England internationals, and nine times for the Under 23 side.

(LEE LEONY, Malaysia)

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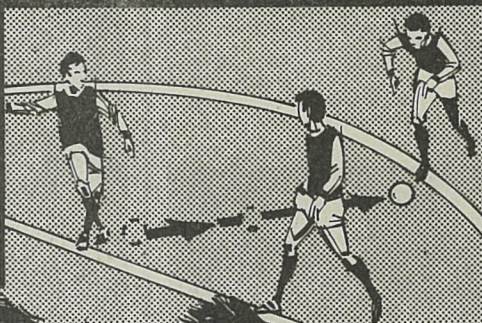
# YOU ARE THE REF

compiled by Keith Hackett



1

From the kick-off a player passes the ball straight back to a team-mate. Should you (a) allow play to continue, or (b) order the kick to be retaken?



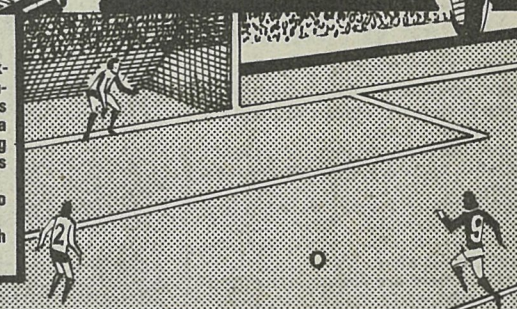
2

A player deliberately kicks an opponent. After sending him off should you restart the game with (a) an indirect free-kick, (b) a direct free-kick, or (c) a drop ball?



3

At the taking of a penalty, a defender runs into the penalty area as the kick is being taken. The kick is saved. Should you (a) order the kick to be retaken, or (b) continue with play?



## MATCH POINT

I'll be flying to Paris soon to take charge of the France v Luxembourg Youth match. I enjoy these games as the players are always very fast and show plenty of endeavour. From my point of view this is good because it allows for a flowing game, which I like. The only problem refereeing young players is that they tend to be a little more petulant than their older counterparts so the age old question of dissent often creeps up. Youngsters tend to react first and think about the consequences afterwards. As I will be speaking a different language to the players in this game it will be even more important that my decisions are clear, precise and accurate if we are to avoid any problems.

## ANSWERS

1. Order the kick to be retaken (b). The ball must be played into the opponents half before it can go back. 2. A direct free-kick (b). The defender should also be cautioned. 3. Order the kick to be retaken (a). The defender should also be cautioned.

# LINE-UPS...RESULTS

Saturday, Jan 23  
(continued)

## Scottish Cup

(Second Round)

ST. MIRREN (0) 2 (Bone, Abercrombie) 6,984  
MORTON (1) 1 (Houston)

## Scottish Second

ALBION (0) 1 (Collins) 390  
BRECHIN (0) 2 (Paterson 2)

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Yule) 545  
STIRLING (0) 0

MONTROSE (1) 2 (Campbell, Allan) 620  
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Munn)

STRANRAER (0) 1 (McDonald pen) 250  
COWDENBEATH (1) 4 (Steele, Liddle, Hunter, Forrest pen)

Sunday, Jan. 24

## Scottish Cup

(Second Round)

INVERNESS CALEDONIAN (1) 1 (Urquhart) 2,000  
BRECHIN (2) 3 (Campbell 2, Leslie)

(Third Round)

PARTICK (1) 1 (Johnstone) 4,000  
DUMBARTON (2) 2 (Coyle, Donnelly)

Monday, Jan. 25

## Fourth Division

PORT VALE 0 4,355  
TRANMERE 0

STOCKPORT (0) 0 1,924  
HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Bird, Brown)

## Scottish Cup

(First Round replays)

COWDENBEATH (2) 6 (Forrest 3 (1 pen), Park, Steele, Marshall) 210  
CIVIL SERVICE STROLLERS (0) 1 (Ashton)

INVERNESS CLACH (0) 3 (Cowie 2, Davidson) 200  
FRASERBURGH (0) 2 (Robertson, Oxley) AET

ELGIN 0 300  
MONTROSE 0 AET

Tuesday, Jan. 26

## F.A. Cup

(Fourth Round)

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Austin) 13,623  
ORIENT (1) 1 (Moore)

Huddersfield: Taylor, Brown, Burke, Stanton, Sutton, Hanvey, Lillis, Kennedy, Fletcher, Austin, Cowling (Purdie).  
Orient: Day, Foster, Fisher, Taylor, Gray, Osgood, Godfrey, Margerrison, Moores, Silkman, Hallybone.

(Fourth Round replays)

WREXHAM (0) 1 (McNeil) 8,655  
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Mayes) AET

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Jones, Bater, Dowman, Cegielski, Ronson, Fox, McNeil, Edwards, Vinter, Carrodus.  
Chelsea: Francis, Locke, Hutchings, Hales (Rhoades-Brown), Droy, Pates, Mayes, Bumstead, Lee, Walker, Fillery.

Q.P.R. (2) 5 (Allen 4, Stainrod pen) 11,712  
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Entwhistle)

QPR: Hucker, Fenwick, Gillard, Waddock, Howe, Roeder, Allen, Currie, Flanagan (Stewart), Stainrod, Gregory.  
Blackpool: Hesford, Deary, Pashley, Blair, Wann, Hart, Morris, Noble, Bamber, Hockaday, Harrison (Entwhistle).

## First Division

ARSENAL 0 17,299  
BRIGHTON 0

Arsenal: Wood, Robson, Sansom, Talbot, Hollins, Whyte, McDermott, Sunderland, Davis (Meade), Nicholas, Rix.  
Brighton: Moseley, Shanks, Nelson, Grealish, Foster, Gitting, Ryan (Stevens), Smith, Ritchie, McNab, Thomas.

BIRMINGHAM (1) 3 (Broadhurst, Evans 2) 13,023  
COVENTRY (2) 3 (Hunt, Hateley, Thompson)

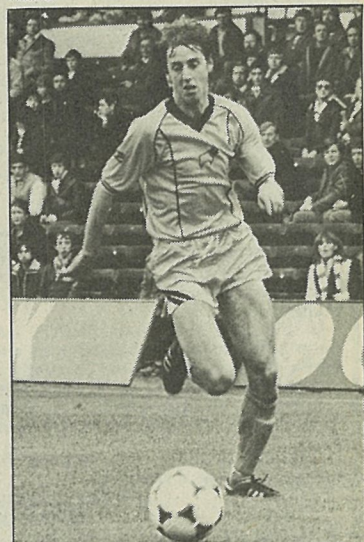
Birmingham: Coton, Langan, Gemmill, Dillon, Van den Hauwe, Todd, Van Mierlo, Evans, Worthington, Cur-bishley, Broadhurst.  
Coventry: Blyth, Thomas, Barnes, Francis, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodak, Daly (Jacobs), Hateley, Thompson, Hunt.

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0 14,407  
LIVERPOOL (1) 4 (Whelan, Rush 3)  
Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Kilcline, Richards, McParland, Masson, Christie (McClulloch), Hooks, Mair.  
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy, Whelan, Hansen, Dalgligh, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

## Second Division

CAMBRIDGE 0 3,505  
CRYSTAL PALACE 0

Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, O'Neill, Taylor, Spriggs, Finney (Mayo), Reilly, Gibbins.  
Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Boulter, Murphy, Wicks, Cannon, Brooks, Smillie, Walsh (Galliers), Mabbutt, Hilaire.



Paul Emson of Derby County.

WATFORD (3) 6 (Armstrong 2, Blissett, Bolton, Barnes, Callaghan) 12,643  
DERBY (0) 1 (Emson)

Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett (Callaghan), Taylor, Terry, Bolton, Blissett, Armstrong, Jenkins, Lohman, Barnes.  
Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Dalziel, Sheridan, Money, Hector, Powell (B), Hill, Swindlehurst, Richards (Emson).

## Fourth Division

CREWE (0) 0 3,874  
WIGAN (1) 1 (Methven)

PETERBOROUGH 0 3,016  
HALIFAX 0

SHEFF UTD 0 11,517  
DARLINGTON 0

## Scottish First

AYR (0) 1 (Christie) 1,500  
QoS (0) 0

## Scottish Cup

(Second Round replay)

BERWICK (0) 1 (McGlynn) 470  
CLYDE (2) 3 (Marshall (o.g.), Nevin, Reilly)

Wednesday, Jan 27

## First Division

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Macari) 41,291  
WEST HAM (0) 0

Man Utd: Bailey, Duxbury, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, McQueen, Robson, Birtles, Stapleton, Macari, Coppell.  
West Ham: Parkes, Brush, Lampard, (Goddard), Bonds, Martin, Orr, Van der Elst, Stewart, Cross, Brooking, Pike.



# TS...SCORERS... LINE-UP

**TOTTENHAM (1) 1** (Crooks)  
**MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0** 22,819  
 Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles, Falco, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.  
 Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Ross, Nattrass, McAndrew, Cochrane, Otto, Hodgson, Shearer (MacDonald), Thomson.

## Third Division

**READING (2) 4** (Webb pen, Dixon 2, Donnellan)  
**BRENTFORD (1) 1** (Sweetzer) 3,481

## Scottish Cup

(Third Round)  
**EAST STIRLING (1) 1** (Howitt)  
**HEARTS (3) 4** (MacDonald, Robertson, Marinello, Byrne) 3,000

(Third Round replay)  
**FORFAR (2) 3** (Clarke, Brash, Gallagher)  
**HAMILTON (1) 2** (Fairlie, Howie) 470

Friday, Jan 29

## Third Division

**DONCASTER (1) 1** (Dawson)  
**WIMBLEDON (2) 3** (Blochel, Leslie 2) 5,849

Saturday, Jan 30

## First Division

**ARSENAL (1) 1** (Vaessen)  
**LEEDS (0) 0** 22,408  
 Arsenal: Wood, Hollins, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, Vaessen, Sunderland, Davis, Nicholas, Rix.  
 Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Gray (F), Stevenson, Hart, Burns, Gray (E), Graham, Butterworth, Hamson, Hird (Harris).

**ASTON VILLA (0) 0**  
**LIVERPOOL (2) 3** (Rush, McDermott 2) 35,947  
 Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Williams (Blair), Mortimer, Bremner, Geddis, Withe, Cowans, Morley.  
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Kennedy, Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

**COVENTRY (0) 0**  
**BRIGHTON (1) 1** (Ritchie) 11,023  
 Coventry: Blyth, Thomas, Barnes, Francis, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodek, Daly (Jacobs), Hateley, Thompson, Hunt.  
 Brighton: Moseley, Shanks, Nelson, Grealish, Stevens, Gatting, Ryan, Ritchie, Smith, McNab, Thomas.

**EVERTON (1) 1** (Sharp)  
**TOTTENHAM (0) 1** (Villa) 30,717  
 Everton: Southall, Stevens, Ratcliffe, Higgins, Lyons, Richardson, Irvine, Heath, Sharp, Eastoe, Lodge.  
 Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Price, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles, Falco (Brooke), Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.

**IPSWICH (0) 1** (Thijssen)  
**NOTTS COUNTY (1) 3** (Mair, Kilcline, Hooks) 21,570  
 Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Mills, Osman, Stegales (O'Callaghan), Wark, Muhren, Thijssen, Brazil, Gates.  
 Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Kilcline, Richards, Chiedoie (Christie), Masson, McCulloch, Hooks, Mair.

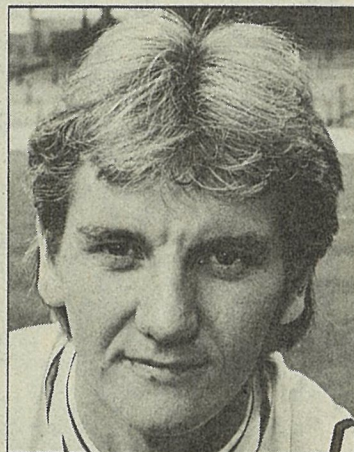
**MANCHESTER CITY (4) 4** (Francis 2, Reeves 2)  
**BIRMINGHAM (2) 2** (Worthington 2) 28,438  
 Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Ryan, Bond, Caton, Kinsey, Reeves, Francis, Hartford, Power.  
 Birmingham: Wealdens, Langan, Dennis, Dillon, Van den Hauwe, Todd, Curbishley, Evans, Worthington, Broadhurst, van Mierlo.

**MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0**  
**SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1** (Keegan) 12,693  
 Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Ross, Nattrass, McAndrew, Cochrane, Otto, Hodgson, Bell, Thomson.  
 Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, Holmes, Baker, Nicholl, Waldron, Keegan, Channon, Hebbard, Armstrong, Ball.

**NOTTM FOREST 0**  
**STOKE 0** 16,219  
 Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gunn, Young, Bowyer, Roebor, McGovern, Proctor, Robertson, Fashanu, Wallace.  
 Stoke: Fox, Kirk, McAughtrie, Watson, Hampton, Griffiths, Dodd, Bracewell, Maguire, O'Callaghan, Chapman.

**SWANSEA (0) 2** (Curtis, James (R))  
**MAN UNITED (0) 0** 23,900  
 Swansea: Davies, Stanley, Marustik, Irwin, Kennedy, Rajkovic, Curtis, James (R), Latchford, Thompson, Robinson (James (L)).  
 Man Utd: Bailey, Duxbury, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, McQueen (Gidman), Robson, Birtles, Stapleton, Macari, Coppell.

**WEST HAM (1) 3** (Goddard, Cross 2)  
**WEST BROM (0) 1** (King) 24,423  
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Van der Elst, Orr, Goddard, Cross, Brookings, Pike.  
 West Brom: Grew, Batson, Statham, King, Wile, Robertson, Jol, Whitehead (Cross), Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.



Sunderland's John Cooke.

**WOLVES (0) 0**  
**SUNDERLAND (0) 1** (Cooke) 11,099  
 Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Humphrey, Atkinson, Gallagher (Villazan), Berry, Hibbitt, Eves, Gray, Richards, Brazier.  
 Sunderland: Siddall, Venison, Hinnigan, Hindmarch, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Chisholm, Cooke, Pickering, Cummins.

## Second Division

**BARNLEY 0**  
**CAMBRIDGE 0** 13,114  
 Barnley: Horn, Cooper, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Walker, Aylott, McHale, Barrow-clough.  
 Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Streete, O'Neill, Spriggs, (Polycarpou), Gibbins, Reilly, Taylor.

**BLACKBURN (0) 1** (Garner)  
**CARDIFF (0) 0** 7,001  
 Blackburn: Gennoe, Branagan, Rathbone, Arnott, Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Stonehouse, Bell, Garner, Brotherton.  
 Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Gilbert, Maddy, Pontin, Bennett (G), Bennett (D), Micallef, Dwyer, Kitchen, Giles.

**CHELSEA (1) 3** (Walker 3)  
**SHREWSBURY (0) 1** (Atkins) 11,446  
 Chelsea: Francis, Locke, Hutchings, Britton, Droy, Pates, Mayes, Bumstead, Rhoades-Brown, Walker, Fillery (Nutton).  
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, MacLaren, Johnson, Petts, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Dungworth, Atkins, McNally, Bates.

**C. PALACE 0**  
**Q.P.R. 0** 15,267  
 Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Boulter, Murphy, Wicks, Cannon, Brooks, Smillie, Walsh, Mabbitt, Hilaire.  
 QPR: Hucker, Fenwick, Gillard, Howe, Roeder, Waddock, Allen, Currie, Micklewhite, Stainrod, Gregory.

**DERBY (0) 3** (Sheridan, Wilson 2)  
**SHEFF WED (1) 1** (Bannister) 11,215  
 Derby: Banovic, Emery, Buckley, Dalziel (Skingvinton), Sheridan, Money, Hecter, Powell (B), Hill, Wilson, Emson.  
 Sheff Wed: Bolder, Sterland, Mellor, Pickering, Shirliff, Smith, Megson, Mirocevic, Bannister, McCulloch, Owen.

**GRIMSBY (2) 3** (Moore (K), Drinkell 2)  
**CHARLTON (1) 3** (Hales, McAllister, Walsh) 7,088  
 Grimsby: Batch, Moore (D), Crombie, Stone, Moore (K), Crosby, Ford, Kilmore, Drinkell, Mitchell, Beacock (Brolly).  
 Charlton: Johns, Naylor, Elliott, Gritt, McAllister, Phillips, Ambrose, Walsh, Hales, Berry, Robinson.

**LUTON (1) 2** (White, Donaghy)  
**LEICESTER (0) 1** (Lineker) 11,810  
 Luton: Judge, Stephens, Aizlewood, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Fuccillo (Antic), Moss.  
 Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Friar, Peake, May, O'Neill, Lynex, Lineker, Young, Wilson, Ramsey (Melrose).

**NEWCASTLE (0) 2** (Mills, Varadi)  
**NORWICH (0) 1** (Downs) 14,447  
 Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Saunders, Trewick, Carney, Haddock, Mills, Martin, Varadi, Wharton, Waddle.  
 Norwich: Woods, Symonds, Downs, McGuire, Walford, Watson, Mendham, Jack, Deehan, Bertschin, Barham.

**OLDHAM (1) 1** (Doyle)  
**BOLTON (0) 1** (Thompson) 9,271  
 Oldham: McDonnell, Edwards, Ryan, Keegan (Palmer), Clements, Fitcher, Nuttall, Heaton, Steel, McDonough, Atkinson.  
 Bolton: McDonagh, Whitworth, Bennett, Henry, Jones, Doyle, Chandler (Hoggan), Foster, Gowling, Cantello, Thompson.

**ROTHERHAM (1) 1** (Fern)  
**WATFORD (0) 2** (Bolton, Barnes) 8,189  
 Rotherham: Mountford, Hughes, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancilffe, Green, Townner, Gow, Moore, Fern, Gooding.  
 Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Henderson, Taylor, Terry, Bolton, Blissett, Armstrong, Jenkins, Lohman (O'Callaghan), Barnes.

**WREXHAM (0) 0**  
**ORIENT (0) 1** (Godfrey) 4,221  
 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Jones, Bater, Dowman, Cegielski, Ronson, Fox, McNeil, Edwards, Vinter, Carrodus (Hunt).  
 Orient: Day, Foster, Fisher, Taylor (T), Gray, Osgood, Godfrey, Margerison, Moores, Silkman (McNeil), Halbyone.

## Third Division

**BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1** (Mabbutt)  
**READING (1) 1** (Donnellan) 5,355

**CARLISLE (1) 1** (Bannon)  
**LINCOLN (0) 0** 3,893

**FULHAM (1) 1** (Davies)  
**CHESTERFIELD (0) 0** 9,213

**GILLINGHAM (0) 0**  
**PRESTON (1) 2** (Naughton, Bruce) 5,379

**HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1** (Cowling)  
**BURNLEY (0) 2** (Taylor 2) 10,269

**MILLWALL (1) 2** (Horrix, Paddon)  
**CHESTER (1) 1** (Cooke) 3,250

**NEWPORT (1) 1** (Vaughan)  
**BRISTOL CITY (1) 1** (Harford) 5,927

**PLYMOUTH (1) 1** (Hodges)  
**BRENTFORD (0) 0** 5,008

**PORTSMOUTH 0**  
**SOUTHEND 0** 7,731

**WALSALL (0) 1** (Penn)  
**OXFORD (3) 3** (Thomas, Cassells, Foley) 4,573

## Fourth Division

**BLACKPOOL (1) 1** (Entwhistle)  
**DARLINGTON (0) 0** 3,336

**BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1** (Funnell)  
**HALIFAX (1) 1** (Ward) 4,690

**BRADFORD 0**  
**HEREFORD 0** 3,734

**BURY (1) 3** (Hilton (P), Butler, Cruickshank)  
**MANSFIELD (2) 2** (Bell, Lumby) 2,954

**HARTLEPOOL (0) 3** (Houchen Fagan, Newton)  
**YORK (0) 2** (Crosby 2) 2,291

**NORTHAMPTON (2) 2** (Denyer, Perrin)  
**WIGAN (1) 3** (Lloyd, O'Keefe, Bradd) 2,418

**PETERBOROUGH (1) 2** (Clarke, Cooke)  
**STOCKPORT (0) 0** 3,525

**PORT VALE (1) 1** (Tartt)  
**ROCHDALE (1) 1** (Martinez) 3,855

**SHEFF UTD 0**  
**HULL 0** 12,612

**TORQUAY (0) 1** (Sermann)  
**COLCHESTER (0) 0** 2,037

**TRANMERE (0) 0**  
**SCUNTHORPE (1) 1** (Green) 1,520

# BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, February 20th

## Birmingham v Villa

ASTON VILLA have either won or drawn far more often than they have been defeated on their local rivals' ground — the tally in League games is 14 wins to Villa, 18 to Birmingham, and 11 drawn. Villa's biggest League win at St. Andrews was 4-0 in February, 1931.

It is worth noting that The Blues have scored only one goal in their last five League games with Villa and that earlier this season they played a goalless draw.

## Liverpool v Coventry

DAVE JOHNSON has scored a total of four goals in the last two home games against Coventry City, who have collected only two points (with two draws) in 14 League visits to Anfield.

Having already beaten Coventry 2-1 at Highfield Road this season, Saturday's clash should mean another League double for The Reds.

## Man. Utd v Arsenal

ARSENAL have drawn one and won two of their last four League visits to Old Trafford, and indeed, at home and away United have only beaten Arsenal once in their last nine League meetings. That was a 3-0 win two seasons ago at Old Trafford when Gordon McQueen, Joe Jordan and Sammy McIlroy (pen.) got the goals.

United's biggest home win over Arsenal was in April, 1952, when in a long-remembered game United clinched the League Championship by beating Arsenal 6-1 — Jack Rowley three, Stan Pearson two, Roger Byrne. It was the last match of the season. Those were the days before substitutes and Arsenal were reduced to ten men early on.

## Sunderland v Swansea

SWANSEA gained their first point in their seventh visit to Roker Park two seasons ago with a goal by David Giles in a 1-1 draw. Maybe they can complete their first League double over The Rokerites in this visit having already beaten them 2-0 earlier this season.

## Spurs v Man. City

WHEN City were beaten 1-0 by Spurs at Maine Road earlier this season it was the first time in 13 League games that they had failed to score against the Londoners.

After losing in their last two League visits to White Hart Lane, City on Saturday will be hoping for a return to the kind of form that brought them a 3-0 win on this ground in season 1978-79 when Brian Kidd (pen.), Peter Barnes and Mike Channon were the scorers.



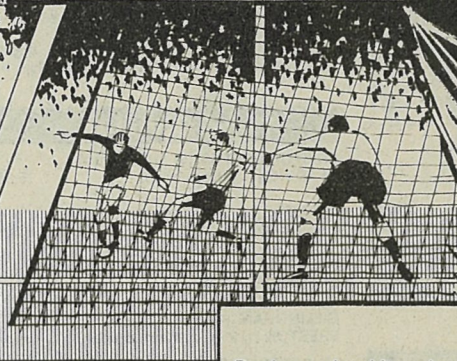
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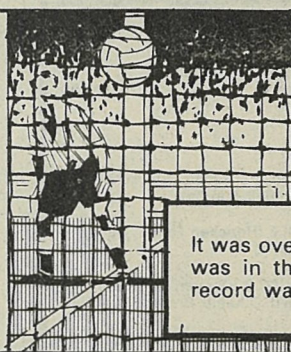
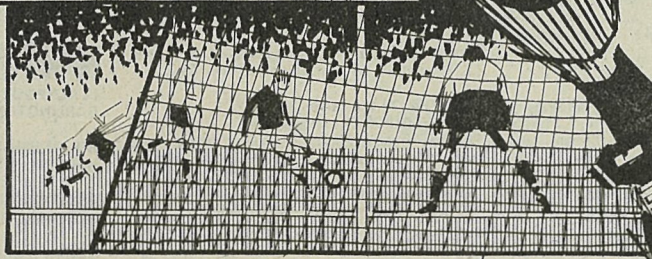
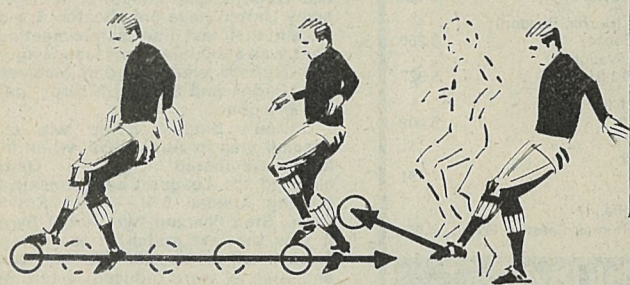
November 1953 saw the Hungarian National team make a mark on football that will never be erased. England had never been beaten on her home soil by a foreign side. The Hungarians boasted a team that had not been defeated home or away for four years.

A gasp went round Wembley when the Hungarians, led by Ferenc Puskas, took the field. Their playing gear out-dated the old fashioned England kit and so too did their football.

Within a minute Hungary were ahead. England hit back, equalised but then went behind again. Before England had a chance to retaliate the ball found Puskas — outside the near post, with no angle for a shot and the England captain, Billy Wright, roaring in to tackle.



Puskas cheekily dragged the ball back with the sole of his left boot and watched Wright fly past. Then, with a dancer's adjustment to his balance, Puskas rifled a shot past England goalkeeper Gilbert Merrick.



It was over in a second, the ball was in the net and England's record was about to go.

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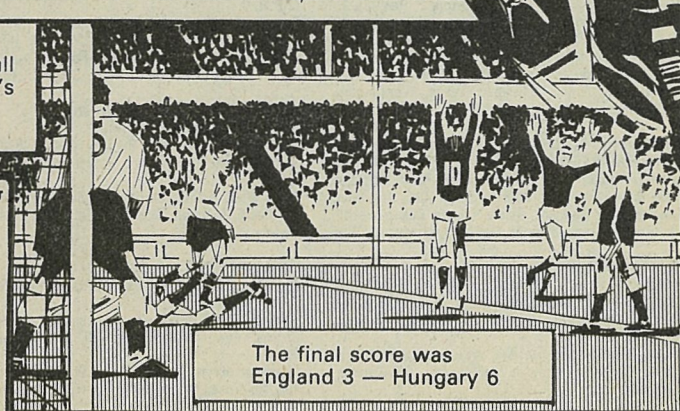
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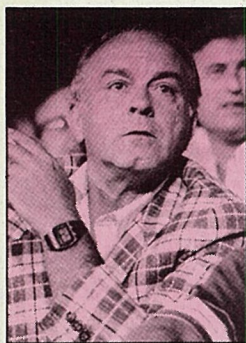
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The final score was  
England 3 — Hungary 6



## di Stefano just can't win



POOR Alfredo di Stefano is making a lot of enemies in Buenos Aires, where River Plate have given him the unenviable task of clearing out some of the established idols in the team to make room for the club's promising youngsters.

After announcing the departure of five squad members, he's now fallen out with Alonso — the undisputed number one among the River fans.

And international goalkeeper Pato Fillol has now announced he doesn't intend to play for River again, due to economic problems.

When asked about possible replacements for Fillol, di Stefano joked: "I can replace him with a hotel porter," (in Spanish 'portero' means both porter and goalkeeper).

Immediately the Association of Hotel Porters denounced di Stefano for 'making fun of their profession'. Sometimes you just can't win...

THE "Team of the Year" chosen by French magazine *Onze* include two players from the Football League, but no Englishmen. Frans Thijssen and Kenny Dalglish get places in the 'A' team. Only in the European 'B' team do English players get a look in, with Ray Clemence and Kevin Keegan.

## WORLD WIDE



Compiled by CHRIS DAVIES

ITALIAN First Division club Avellino lost more than £10,000 in a robbery. The money was in envelopes in the club treasurer's safe, representing their players' win bonuses for the match on the previous Sunday. Then while the players were out on the training ground, three masked men with pistols arrived, forced the treasurer to phone and persuade the club chairman to visit the ground and open the safe.

# HIDDEN PROBLEMS FOR ENGLAND FANS

AS we've been saying in SHOOT for almost two years, the World Cup accommodation problem is acute in the Northern venues, even though the Scots, for example, will have no such problems down in the tourist resorts of the Costa del Sol.

And in Bilbao, Bingen Zubiri Cearra, Chairman of the Basque government's Commerce & Tourism office, warns that fans booking packages to England's matches may find themselves anything up to 100 miles from Bilbao.

"In the whole of the Basque country," he explains, "there are only 22,000 hotel beds of which only 2,000 are in Bilbao itself."

"A lot of the fans will be in San Sebastian, 75 miles up the coast. Others be in Vitoria, 75 miles inland.

"In case of emergency, there could even be people in Pamplona, 100 miles away.

"This is no problem really. The fans will be brought to Bilbao by bus on match days, and the cost of the trip down the motorway should be around £2.

"In any case, we also have a lot of guest houses in Bilbao where you can get bed-and-breakfast very economically, and during the World Cup we'll have eight mobile tourism offices in the city to help visitors.

"For campers there should be no problem, as there are five good camp sites within 15 miles of the city centre.

"In any case, we're looking forward to receiving as many English visitors as possible, because this is a really good opportunity for us to show people the real image of the Basque country — not the image projected by the media of a place where the people creep round in constant fear of terrorists."

GREEK fans certainly take their football seriously, for in the F.A. Cup local derby between Panathinaikos and Olympiakos, the referee blew for a penalty and three spectators had heart attacks.

One recovered en route to hospital and was kept in intensive care, but the other two were dead on arrival at the hospital.

## News flashes

● Before the restart of the Czech League campaign the national team will play six World Cup warm-up matches in Mexico, Peru and Colombia. Then on April 14 they play host to West Germany in a friendly.

● Pele was in Madrid for the World Cup draw as a reporter-commentator for a Mexican TV chain and gave his current world ranking list of players: 1. Falcao (Brazil and AS Roma); 2. Zico, 3. Maradona and 4. Bernd Schuster.

● Hansi Muller, midfield star of VfB Stuttgart and West Germany could well miss the World Cup. He had a cartilage operation in November, but fluid gathers round his knee after every work-out and a second operation is being considered.

● The Swiss F.A. have withdrawn from an agreed game against Argentina in Buenos Aires that was to have been played in May. Half the Swiss players apparently persuaded the F.A. to cancel the game, not wanting to leave their business interests outside

the game. Instead the Swiss have offered the Argentinians a game in Switzerland, before or after the World Cup, whichever they prefer.

● The 1981 Footballer of the Year in the USSR was decided by 162 Soviet football writers and radio and TV commentators. Remaz Shengelia (Dynamo Tbilisi) was given first place by 89 of them and took the trophy. In second place, but well behind, was Oleg Blokhin and third his Dynamo Kiev club-mate Leonid Burjak.



## Van der Elst's hopes hit

FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST'S hopes of playing for Belgium in Spain have received a knock — because of a Spaniard!

The West Ham star hopes that playing in Europe after two years with the Cosmos will boost his World Cup hopes.

Now, Belgium may decide to play without Van der Elst and instead use Juan Lozano, who was born in Spain and lived there for ten years before moving to Belgium.

Lozano, who plays for Champions Anderlecht, is rated as one of the best players in Belgium. His application for Belgian nationality finally came through and he's now set to play for the national team.

Belgium manager Guy Thys plans to use a midfield trio of evergreen captain Wilfried van Moer, Lozano and Alex Czerniatynski, of Polish extraction. Van der Elst could make the 22 for Spain, but a recall to the first team may have to wait.

## STRANGE RETURN

THE return of Chile's most famous footballer, Elias Figueroa, from Fort Lauderdale Strikers to Colo Colo was certainly a strange operation.

The 35-year-old central defender was brought back in time for the World Cup preparations thanks to a joint operation mounted by Colo Colo, the Chilean F.A. and Chilean National Television.

The contract stipulates that Figueroa also works as a TV commentator when his playing commitments permit.

## Cerezo blow

TONINHO CEREZO, one of the world's outstanding midfield men, could miss out on Brazil's 1982 World Cup campaign.

The player was sent-off in a qualifying tie and received a three-match suspension.

Although FIFA gave an amnesty to players who had been shown the yellow card in qualifying ties, sendings-off still stood and Cerezo must sit out the first game in Spain against the Soviet Union.

Brazil manager Tele Santana will probably use three men in midfield against the USSR, instead of four as planned... and they will be Falcao, Socrates and Zico.

If the team is successful, there will be little chance of Cerezo playing again, bar injury.





# BOLTON WANDERERS



## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

**W**HEN things go wrong at Bolton Wanderers they don't go wrong in half measures.

Two years ago the Burnden Park club was relegated from the First Division with an appalling record. They finished bottom with a dismal tally of 25 points and just five wins, none away from home.

Worse was to follow. After 12 League games of this season only two had been won and the pathetic total of seven points committed Bolton to a relegation battle almost before the season was off the ground.

The real shaft of light came when manager George Mulhall, realising he had to act quickly, went out and bought experience in

the shape of Manchester City's resolute midfielder Tony Henry and Eire international Jeff Chandler from Leeds.

Mulhall, a great believer in giving youth its head, then brought teenagers Geoff Langley, Chris Thompson, Wayne Foster and Mike Bennett into the side.

Ex-Leicester and Sunderland player Steve Whitworth has also been bought and the most recent signing of all is another defender who has known what it is like to pull on an England shirt — Mike Doyle, who cost only a tiny fee from Stoke City.

Large fees are out of the question for Bolton who, in common with so many clubs, are having to cut their cloth according to the grave financial plight of the game.

Manager Mulhall admits: "We are not in a very happy situation although a lot of clubs must be worse off. We lost £600,500 last

year and we will lose about half that much this season, which I suppose you could call an improvement!"

Bolton were badly hit by relegation. They have players on First Division contracts but a team on the slide and dwindling gates.

The wage bill has been cut and the scouting system drastically overhauled in the interest of economy.

"We are beginning to play with some



## HONOURS

Second Division Champions:  
1908-09, 1977-78, Third Division  
Champions: 1972-73, F.A. Cup  
winners: 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958.

**BACK ROW (left to right):** Mike Bennett, David Kay, Barry Taylor, Wayne Foster, Brian Atherton, John Thomas, Dave Hoggan.

**MIDDLE ROW:** Charlie Wright (coach), Peter Nightingale (physio), Neil Berry, Chris Thompson, Peter Nicholson, Dennis Peacock, Simon Farnworth, Jim McDonagh, Gerry McElhinney, Paul Jones, Ian Brennan, George Mulhall (manager), Walter Joyce (coach).

**FRONT ROW:** Dusan Nikolic (now Red Star Belgrade), Mike Carter, Alan Gowing, Len Cantello, Neil Whatmore (now Birmingham), Peter Reid.

shape now and confidence has grown with improved results.

"Although we've lost players of the quality of Peter Reid, Len Cantello and Ian Brennan through injury, results have picked up lately. I'm confident we'll pull through."

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# BRUNO PEZZEY

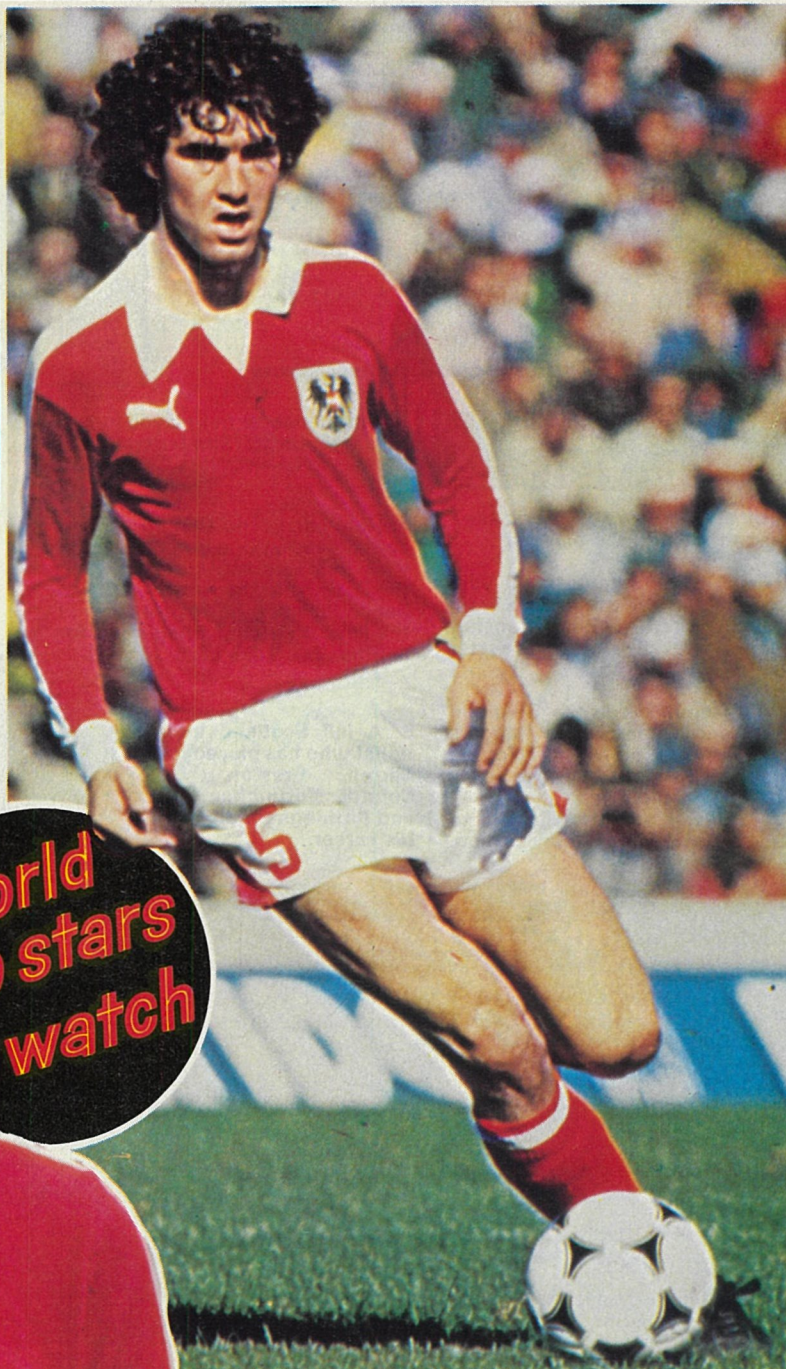
## AUSTRIA

**B**RUNO Pezzey rose to fame with an outstanding display in Austria's number five shirt during the 1978 World Cup. An elegant, intelligent and hard-tackling sweeper, he formed, along with midfielder Prohaska and striker Krankl, the backbone of the side.

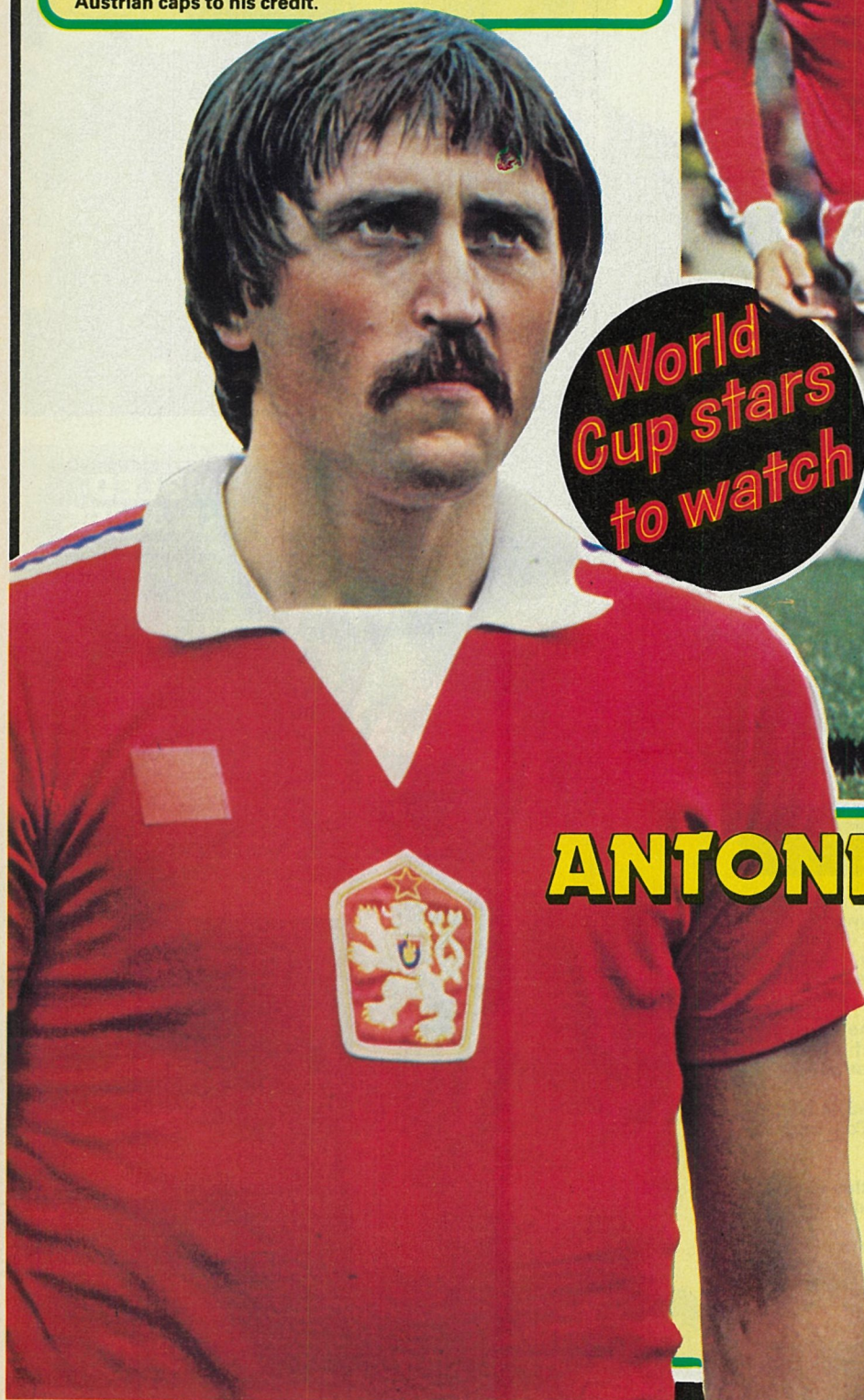
Born in Lauterach on February 3rd, 1955, he began with local side SV Lauterach before joining First Division Wacker Innsbruck as a 19-year-old six-footer.

His World Cup performance then earned him a £400,000 transfer to Eintracht Frankfurt, where he's added the 1980 UEFA Cup to the two League and one Cup medal he'd clinched with Wacker before leaving Austria.

In the meantime he'd made his international debut for Austria in June, 1975 against Czechoslovakia, after just one appearance in the Under-21 side, and has been a firm fixture at sweeper ever since. At 27, Pezzey already has nearly 60 Austrian caps to his credit.



World  
Cup stars  
to watch



# ANTONIN PANENKA

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**A**N IMMENSELY skilled number eight, Antonin Panenka was the Czech hero in the 1976 European Championship Final. With the scores at 2-2 after extra-time, the title was decided on penalties and after Hoeness had shot high Panenka was left with the decisive kick. With amazing cheek and calm he chipped the ball into the centre of the net while Maier hurled himself way to the left.

This sort of precision control is the hallmark of the talented midfielder who combined so well with Masny and Nehoda and who was once again voted Czechoslovakia's star player when they finished third in the 1980 European Championship.

Now that the Czechs have qualified for their first World Cup Finals since 1970, 33-year-old Panenka (he was born on December 2nd, 1948) at last has the chance to show off his talents on the world stage. Watch out especially for his deadly free-kicks, which he strikes with Brazilian control and precision.

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TAKE A BREAK IT'S

# QUIZ TIME

## SPOT THE PLAYERS

Study the following clues and see if you can identify the players.

1. An England international who began his League career with Tranmere Rovers before being transferred to one of the Manchester clubs.
2. A former Wolves, Swindon Town and Queens Park Rangers striker still scoring regularly for the Goodison Park club.
3. A player was transferred to his seventh club this season.

Among those he has played for are Notts County, Sunderland and Werder Bremen (West Germany).

4. He made seven League appearances, scoring one goal, for Aston Villa before being transferred to the Cosmos in the North American Soccer League. He is now back in the First Division scoring goals for another Midlands club.

5. A full Scotland international who has played for St. Mirren, Preston, Derby County, Nottingham Forest and Birmingham City during his career.

## MIDFIELD MEN

1. Which one of these players — Joe Gallagher (Wolves), Chris Whyte (Arsenal) or Des Bremner (Aston Villa, right) — is a recognised midfielder?
2. Barnsley's Ronnie Glavin played for two Scottish clubs before moving to Oakwell. Which side did he play for prior to joining Celtic?
3. Who is the Luton Town skipper who previously played for Port Vale and Brighton?
4. With which club did West Bromwich Albion's Gary Owen begin his League career?
5. Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle made his full England debut against Belgium, Brazil or Bulgaria in November, 1979?

## PICTURE PUZZLE



Study the picture, taken between Coventry City and Ipswich Town this season, and see if you can answer the following questions about the game and the two clubs.

1. Can you identify the Coventry player in the centre who is being congratulated after scoring?
2. Is the Highfield Road player in the number nine shirt Tom English or Mark Hateley?
3. Can you identify the Ipswich Town player looking despondent?
4. Ipswich beat Coventry 4-2 to record their fifth, sixth or seventh consecutive win in League and Cup games?
5. Is it true that Coventry have never appeared in a major European competition?

1. Liverpool 'keeper Bruce Grobbelaar has played in the Fourth Division with Rochdale.
2. Former Everton star Eamonn O'Keefe is now playing for Wigan Athletic.
3. Bolton full-back Steve Whitworth (dark shirt, right) began his League career with Leicester City.
4. Brian Clough replaced Dave Mackay as manager of Derby County.
5. Montrose play their Scottish Second Division games at Links Park and are nicknamed The Gable Endies.

## TRUE OR FALSE?



## JUMBLED NICKNAMES

Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the nicknames of some of Britain's League clubs.

1. KETERROIS (ENSUDLNDAR)
2. BSCBREOL (OQANTTHNRPM)
3. HTERRRSTEEI (DDDEFHRESLIU)
4. HETRPSA (NNEERDUFIML)
5. EHTISBNAR (KKRAFLI)
6. HETHTRNSEO (RDWTOAF)
7. ONSIL (LLLLAMIW)
8. THETTASREH (NULOT)
9. ETHASIMRRN (SGYBIMR)
10. EHTCISRGNAE (XEEERT)

## ANSWERS:

SPOT THE PLAYERS. 1. Manchester United's Steve Coppell. 2. Peter Eastoe of Everton. 3. Dave Watson (Stoke City). 4. Coventry's Steve Hunt. 5. Archie Gemmill. MIDFIELD MEN. 1. Bremner. 2. Patrick Thistle. 3. Brian Horton. 4. Manchester City. 5. Bulgaria. TRUE OR FALSE? False — he played for Crewe. 2. True. 3. True. 4. False — Mackay replaced Clough. 5. True. JUMBLED NICKNAMES. 1. Rokerites (Sunderland). 2. Cobblers (Northampton). 3. The Terriers (Huddersfield). 4. The Pars (Preston). 5. The Barmies (Barnsley). 6. The Hornets (Wolverhampton). 7. Lions (Millwall). 8. The Hatters (Luton). 9. The Mariners (Grimsby). 10. The Grecians (Exeter). PICTURE PUZZLE. 1. Gerry Daly. 2. Hateley. 3. Terry Butcher. 4. Seventh. 5. No. they played in the 1970-71 FA Cup.



**A**LL being well, I'll still be a Manchester United player next season. My contract is up for renewal and speculation started when I became the only first teamer not to re-sign.

The reason for this is simply that the club and I haven't really had time to sit down and discuss the new contract; we'll do that at the end of the season.

When we do, I hope it's a formality that I put my name on the dotted line. If everything works out financially, and we agree on the length of the contract, I see no problems.

Certainly I'd like to stay. Most of the other players are on long-term contracts. Steve Coppell and Frank Stapleton are on four-year contracts — the others on three-year agreements.

I'm 25 and I have a wife and son to think of. I also have to consider what might happen beyond my next contract. If I sign, say, for five years, will I still be in a strong position to



**RAY  
WILKINS**  
Writes for you

# 'LEAVE UNITED? not if I can help it'



bargain when I'm 30? Would another three-year contract be better?

I'm sure we'll reach a happy compromise and, touch wood, I'll be at Old Trafford next season.

It's been a boost to be team captain in recent weeks, although I still don't regard myself as full-time skipper. It's a match-to-match arrangement and I'm taking nothing for granted.

I consider it a great honour to be captain of Manchester United as there are so many outstanding players in the side and so many other players manager Ron Atkinson could have asked to be skipper.

I was captain at Chelsea for a while. Initially I found it a strain, as I was just 18 and it was difficult enough trying to establish myself in the first team.

I think a captain has to be able to understand his players. Some of the United boys need a velvet glove approach — Mick Duxbury and Gary Bailey, for example, react better to a 'bad luck' or 'never mind' — you'll be okay next time' after a slip, whereas Kevin Moran prefers to be motivated another way with stronger words.

It's all about knowing how the different players react. I'm a bit of a shouter, whereas Martin Buchan tends to lead more by example. He doesn't let off steam too often —

"Arsenal are a superbly organised side who are always likely to score a goal on the breakaway."



when he does watch out!

When I was handed the captain's job by the manager people read a little too much into the situation. One day I'd love to be the official captain of the club, but Martin has a few years left in him and he's a first-class leader.

Being skipper of United means far more than tossing a coin. You are called on to go to endless functions and I have a lot of respect for the way Martin handles this side of the captaincy.

Obviously a captain can't say 'yes' to every request and I don't know how I'd cope with them all. Maybe I'll find out in the future.

Despite a few untimely remarks by Ron Atkinson, we get on well. It's his style to come out with the odd one-liner, like calling me a crab... because I went sideways instead of forward. I couldn't repeat his latest nickname for me!

But I like the man and we have a good working understanding.

When he asked me to take over when Martin was injured he just mentioned it on the day of the match... luckily my 'promotion' coincided with the start of a good run — but I stress it was a coincidence.

This Saturday we face Arsenal at Old Trafford and even though The Gunners have had something of a goal-drought this season they're still well placed just behind the leaders.

They're called 'boring', but what they are is superbly organised, a team who are hard to break down and always likely to kill you off with a breakaway goal.

Frank Stapleton has said to me that he has found United's approach more attacking — I think Arsenal have found it difficult since the departure of Liam Brady, who

they've never really replaced.

'Organisation' seems to be a dirty word in football. I just hope England can find the level of organisation Arsenal have displayed and West Germany have shown by the time the World Cup Finals come around.

England play Northern Ireland next week, the first game since qualifying for the Finals, and I believe Ron Greenwood will try and keep the nucleus of his team for Spain together in the remaining 'warm-up' matches.

The side must take shape and be given time to develop. I've seen the video tapes of nearly all the games of the Copa de Oro played in Uruguay just over a year ago.

The West Germans were by far the best organised team, and only the very high temperatures wore them down in the end. For 70 minutes they were superb, but coming from sub-zero temperatures to over 80 degrees without any acclimatisation must have been difficult.

If England can show the sort of discipline the Germans did we'll be in business in Spain.

*Ray Wilkins*



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Lags. (20) Doyle. (23) Portman. (24)  
Son.

DOWN:—(1) Argue. (2) Reid. (4) Err.  
(5) Amid. (7) Spriggs. (8) Starred. (9)  
Godfrey. (10) Peake. (11) Saw. (12)  
Neill. (14) Owl. (17) Whet. (19) Gap.  
(21) Osman. (22) Ards.



# WOODCOCK'S FEAR

**F**C Cologne are chasing the West German Bundesliga title and Tony Woodcock could be on course for a German Championship winners medal. But the former Nottingham Forest striker has one fear as the World Cup looms closer.

Woodcock would normally expect to be in the England squad for the British Championship match against Northern Ireland at Wembley on February 23.

But being some way from the close scrutiny of manager Ron Greenwood means the striker's place, even in the squad, has been by no means assured.

Woodcock admits he is worried. "I sit at home reading the Sunday papers seeing player after player nominated as the one for England. It worries me a bit because I may be out of the limelight over here."

"German players who see me each week say I've got no problems. I should be in the England team."

"It is more difficult for Ron Greenwood to judge and all I can hope is that we win the title and Greenwood realises I've had a good season."

## Happier

"A player knows when he is playing well and I am much happier now than I was last year."

"More often than not, I've played well in Cologne's games and the fact that we are top must say something."

"It could work against me being out here, I accept that. It is down to the manager's opinion as to whether I go to Spain but I desperately want to be with the England party which travels."

Woodcock has found life tough under Cologne boss Rinus Michels — and he isn't the only one.

"Cologne have a reputation for easing off when they are going well — it has happened a bit in the past," he says.

"But Michels is making sure we don't even think of slowing down."

"Every match has been like a Cup Final this season because we are the leaders. Every side wants to beat us that little bit extra."

"Michels has been very hard and has not let us relax. We used to do

## 'I'm playing well for Cologne, but does Ron Greenwood know this?'

a lot of training with the ball but now we spend most of the time doing condition work."

Cologne are locked in a tight battle for the title, with current holders Bayern Munich, Hamburger SV and Borussia Moenchengladbach their closest rivals.

Woodcock says: "Although we lost the lead for a while in January, we are still right in contention and certainly have the players to win the title."

"It will be close. We let in too many goals last season, but now we are sound at the back."

The Cologne front line is just about the most exciting in Germany.

West German internationals Fischer, Allofs and Littbarski combine with Woodcock to create a powerful partnership.

"We use a 4-2-4 formation with two defensive midfield players," says Woodcock.

"Generally the system has worked well, but sometimes we have got in each other's way."

Belgian international Francois Van der Elst, who joined West Ham from the Cosmos recently, returned to European soccer — and particularly somewhere that his national team manager could keep a close eye on him — because of the fear of missing out on World Cup selection.

Could Woodcock be in the same

danger if he stays in Germany?

"It's a bit different if you are in American football," says Woodcock.

"But I admit, there is a similarity. If a player has a good game in England, he is tipped for the England squad."

"If I have a blinder, Ron Greenwood may not even hear about it."

How do the West Germans rate England's chances for Spain?

"People here believe we have the players to do well," says Woodcock. "They have a high regard and respect for the English."

"I agree with them — I certainly don't think it's a case of England not having sufficient good players."

He adds: "It will be down to the country which hits form at the right time. England are as capable of doing that as any team."



Woodcock (left) and Klaus Fischer combine to score against FC Nuremberg.

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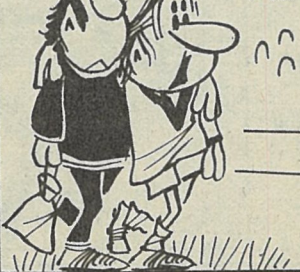
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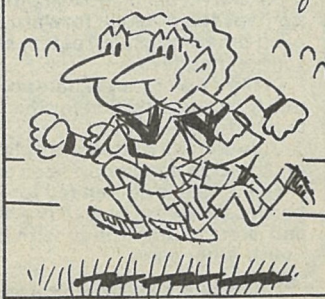
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## 1970 — MEXICO

**F**OLLOWING the total domination of the Europeans in 1966, South America was out to regain face.

They were greatly helped towards this aim by the choice of Mexico — with its fierce heat and giddy altitudes — as venue for the 1970 World Cup.

Reigning Champions England arrived in Central America a full month before the tournament commenced in an attempt to gain acclimatisation to the difficult conditions.

Their stay in nearby Colombia, however, was marred by the ridiculous, trumped up charge of the theft of a bracelet by England captain Bobby Moore.

Although released before the

West Germany, after a surprisingly tough game against Morocco, won Group Four ahead of a pleasantly attack-minded Peru.

Group One was won by Russia on goal difference from the host nation Mexico.

Their opposition, Belgium and El Salvador, had hardly proved too taxing.

But in Group One, England's game against Brazil came to be regarded by many as the unofficial Final of the 1970 tournament.

The temperature in Guadalajara was a stifling 98 degrees, yet England surprisingly kept going in the oppressive heat.

It was a game which has since passed into football history as one

of the '66 Final.

England were to lose 'keeper Gordon Banks on the eve of this most crucial of matches.

He mysteriously contracted food poisoning, and his place went to Peter Bonetti, the Chelsea player who had done so well in the F.A. Cup Final a couple of months earlier.

It was a bitter blow to England, but one which appeared to have been overcome as they raced into a two goal lead.

The overlapping runs of right-back Keith Newton produced goals for first Alan Mullery and then Martin Peters.

England appeared to be cruising to victory but, unlike the game against the Brazilians, this time they couldn't resist the heat.

Left-back Terry Cooper, probably England's best player in Mexico,

**Bobby Moore sensation...  
Gordon Banks blow...  
Ramsey's tactical blunder...**

# A GOLDEN HAT-TRICK FOR BRAZIL

Finals kicked off, Moore had to suffer the indignity of house confinement while the Colombian police investigated the accusations.

England had never been particularly welcome in Latin America, and Alf Ramsey's famous 'animals' outburst aimed at the Argentinians in 1966 had not helped matters.

Neither did the fact that his team were drawn in the same group as Brazil in Mexico.

Realising their own team had little chance of World Cup glory, the Mexicans threw their wholehearted support behind the Brazilians. Consequently they developed a fierce hostility for England.

Nevertheless, Ramsey had what was arguably an even better side than that which won the Cup four years previously.

In their first game, against Romania, England won easily enough with a goal from Geoff Hurst.

But Brazil, the darlings of the masses, thrashed Czechoslovakia 4-1. Pele, Rivelino and Jairzinho, perhaps the greatest forward line of all time alongside Tostao, all scored that day.

In the other groups, Italy scored one goal and qualified for the Quarter-Finals.

Domenghini netted the only goal of the game against Sweden and then the Italians defended for goalless draws against Uruguay and Israel to go through with the South Americans.

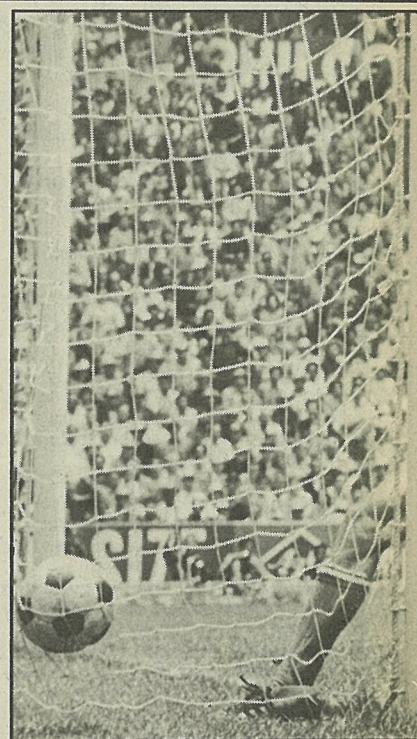
of the finest ever staged at international level.

The brilliance of Moore, Mullery's commendable efforts to mark Pele, Banks' incredible save from the head of that same Brazilian and Astle's glaring second-half miss — all contributed to making this such a marvellous match.

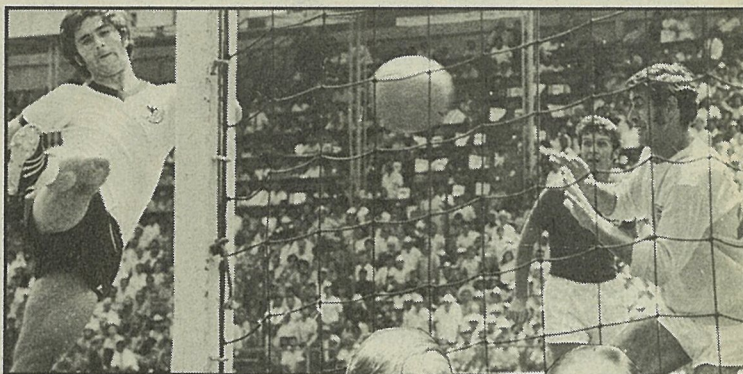
But in the end, the game was decided by Jairzinho's goal 14 minutes into the second-half, a goal sculptured by Tostao and Pele.

Although England beat Czechoslovakia with an Allan Clarke penalty, Brazil went on to win Group Two by beating Romania 3-2.

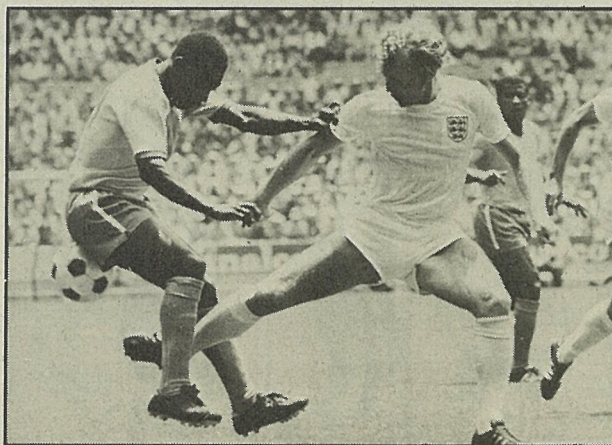
The Quarter-Finals therefore matched Ramsey's men against West Germany in Leon — a re-run



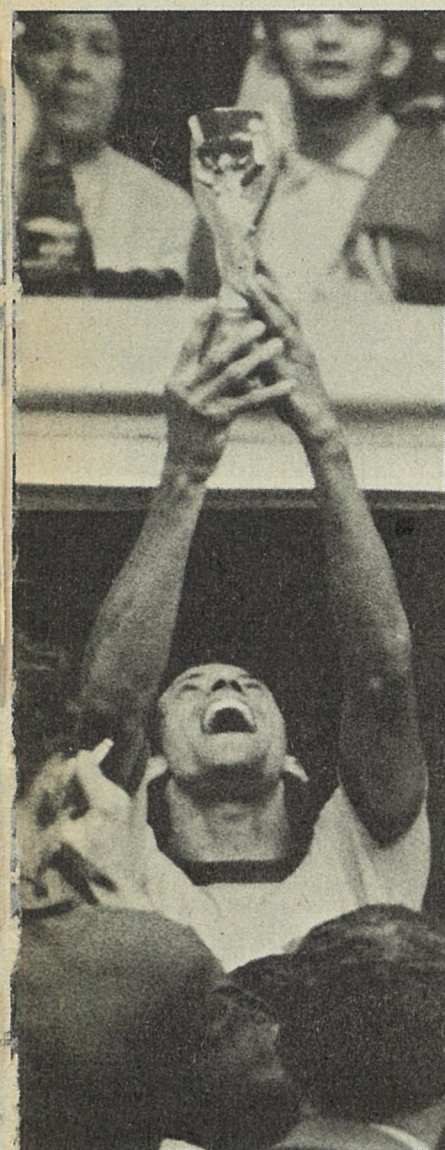
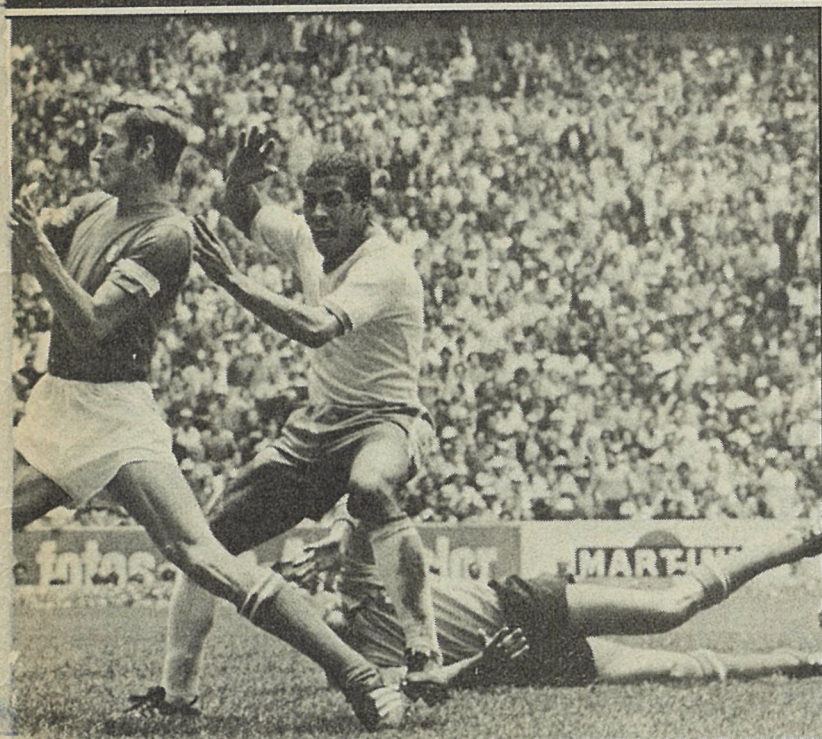
ABOVE: Jairzinho maintains his scoring record in the Final against Italy.  
RIGHT: Carlos Alberto takes a permanent grip on the Jules Rimet trophy.



ABOVE: Gerd Muller scores the West German winner against England.  
RIGHT: Alf Ramsey takes off Bobby Charlton in that same game.  
BELOW: Pele versus Bobby Moore.







had been exhausted by his frequent forays into attack. Quite simply, he was unable to live with the German substitute Jurgen Grabowski.

Franz Beckenbauer came forward to pull a goal back for Germany, and suddenly there was panic in the England camp.

Manager Alf Ramsey pulled off Bobby Charlton and Martin Peters for Colin Bell and Norman Hunter. It was a tactical blunder which completely disrupted a midfield which had, until then, been operating so smoothly.

A curious headed goal by Uwe Seeler, looping over the head of the badly positioned Bonetti, levelled the scores and the game passed into extra-time.

Hurst had what looked to be a perfectly good goal disallowed and minutes later Gerd Muller, who had already scored seven times, volleyed the winner.

England were out and the world

was about to proclaim the new kings.

Having reached the Quarter-Finals, there were false hopes that England's successors could be Mexico, but they were to be very short lived.

Against the Italians, Mexico were never in contention. Riva scored two, Domenghini and Rivera both added and Italy beat the hosts 4-1 in Toluca.

In the magnificent Aztec Stadium Russia were beaten 1-0 by Uruguay. The only goal was scored in the last minute of extra-time by Esparrago.

The other Quarter-Final game, between Brazil and Peru in Guadalajara, was the best of the lot.

Two teams committed to all out attack produced six goals, four scored by a Brazilian side who now seemed capable of netting from any position.

Rivelino and Tostao scored early goals with left-footed shots, but then the fallibility of Felix in the Brazilian goal was revealed when he allowed a cross from Gallardo to slip over his head.

## Arguments

Tostao scored again, Sotil pulled another one back but Jairzinho ended all arguments with the final goal of the game.

Brazil were through to the Semi's, where they were to beat their old rivals Uruguay 3-1.

Although Uruguay took the lead through Cubilla and then defended resolutely, and sometimes violently, they were no match for a Brazilian side in which Pele was absolutely brilliant.

The draw, which had conveniently kept Europe and South America apart, matched Italy against West Germany in the other Semi-Final at Mexico City.

Boninsegna scored for Italy; Schnellinger equalised in the second-half. Muller put the Germans ahead in extra-time; Burgnich equalised.

Riva restored Italy's lead; Muller headed his tenth goal of the tournament to level once more.

Six minutes from the end of a breathless, goal-feast of a game

Gianni Rivera scored from close range to book the Italians' place in the Final.

That Final, at the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City, would be a complete clash of styles; an Italian team which had built its whole game around a rock solid defence against a Brazilian team with the finest attack in soccer history.

As it turned out, Italy hardly troubled the magical South Americans, whose toughest game had been against England.

Italy's only hope was to attack the suspect Brazilian defence, but instead they chose to chance their luck against Pele and co.

Within 18 minutes that luck had run out — Pele heading home from Rivelino's cross.

But seven minutes from half-time, the Italians were handed a goal. Clodoaldo, in acres of space, senselessly backheeled the ball straight to Boninsegna, who could not fail but to equalise.

Latin hopes were raised, but only momentarily. Twenty minutes after the interval Gerson exploded a thunderous shot from outside the area to confirm Brazilian superiority.

Seven minutes later Jairzinho sprinted on to Pele's through ball to score again. He had found the net in every game of the tournament.

Three minutes from time, full-back and captain Carlos Alberto came through to make it 4-1 and Brazil had well and truly proved their mastery over the sorry Italians.

They had also won the World Cup for the third time and, as stipulated in the original rules of the competition, gained permanent possession of the Jules Rimet Trophy.

There have been many great footballing sides to have graced the World Cup, but the Brazilian team of 1970 was probably the best of the lot.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
**Johan Cruyff and the**  
**total football of**  
**Holland**

## 9th WORLD CUP Mexico, 1970

### GROUP 1

Mexico	(0)0	USSR	(0)0
Belgium	(1)3	El Salvador	(0)0
USSR	(1)4	Belgium	(0)1
Mexico	(1)4	El Salvador	(0)0
USSR	(0)2	El Salvador	(0)0
Mexico	(1)2	Belgium	(0)0
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USSR		3 2 1 0 6 1 5	
Mexico		3 2 1 0 5 0 5	
Belgium		3 1 0 2 4 5 2	
El Salvador		3 0 0 3 0 9 0	

### GROUP 2

Uruguay	(1)2	Israel	(0)0				
Italy	(1)1	Sweden	(0)0				
Uruguay	(0)0	Italy	(0)0				
Sweden	(0)1	Israel	(0)1				
Sweden	(0)1	Uruguay	(0)0				
Italy	(0)0	Israel	(0)0				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	1	2	0	1	0	4
Uruguay	3	1	1	1	2	1	3
Sweden	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Israel	3	0	2	1	1	3	2

### GROUP 3

England	(0)1	Romania	(0)0				
Brazil	(1)4	Czech	(1)1				
Romania	(0)2	Czech	(1)1				
Brazil	(0)1	England	(0)0				
Brazil	(2)3	Romania	(0)2				
England	(0)1	Czech	(0)0				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	8	3	6
England	3	2	0	1	2	1	4
Romania	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Czechoslovakia	3	0	0	3	2	7	0

### GROUP 4

Peru	(0)3	Bulgaria	(1)2				
West Germany	(0)2	Morocco	(1)1				
Peru	(0)3	Morocco	(0)0				
West Germany	(2)5	Bulgaria	(1)2				
West Germany	(3)3	Peru	(1)1				
Bulgaria	(1)1	Morocco	(0)1				
P W D L F A Pts							
W. Germany	3	3	0	0	10	4	6
Peru	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
Morocco	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

### QUARTER-FINALS

Uruguay	(0)0	USSR	(0)0
Italy	(1)4	Mexico	(1)1
Brazil	(2)4	Peru	(1)2
W. Germany	(0)2	England	(1)2

### SEMI-FINALS

Italy	(1)1	W. Germany	(0)1
Brazil	(1)3	Uruguay	(1)1

### THIRD PLACE MATCH: Mexico City 20.6.70

Attendance	80,000
West Germany	(1)1
Uruguay	(0)0

### FINAL: Mexico City 21.6.70

Attendance	110,000
Brazil	(1)4
Italy	(1)1

Pele, Gerson, Boninsegna, Jairzinho, Carlos Alberto  
Brazil: Felix; Carlos Alberto, Brito, Wilson  
Piazza, Everaldo; Clodoaldo, Gerson; Jairzinho, Tostao, Pele, Rivelino  
Italy: Albertosi; Burgnich, Cera, Rosato, Facchetti; Bertini (Juliano), Mazzola, De Sisti; Domenghini, Boninsegna (Rivera), Riva



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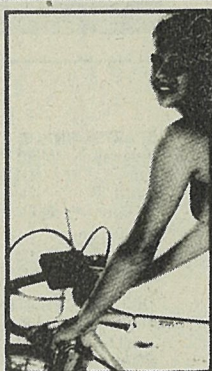
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# 'I'm no cheat'

## INSISTS EVERTON'S NEW STAR ADRIAN HEATH

**A**DRIAN Heath believes he  
is losing his reputation for  
being a problem player.

His move to Everton has helped him shed  
that image after his former Stoke City boss  
Richie Barker questioned Heath's attitude to  
the game.

In November last year Barker suspended  
Heath for 'lack of good attitude'.

Barker again rapped Heath during and fol-  
lowing Stoke's F.A. Cup Third Round defeat at  
the hands of Norwich City. This time for 'not  
having a satisfactory outlook'.

Ironically, that defeat led to Heath's move  
to Everton, who paid £700,000 for the 21-year-  
old in January.

"I am not a cheat," blasts Heath. "I heard  
several comments during the Norwich game.  
Few people know the torment that I've been  
through these past few months. That is, until  
the move to Everton.

"I was hurt by Barker's actions before the  
Coventry game. I went to see him about the  
chances of getting a move. I was shocked  
when he said he was going to suspend me.

### 'Stupid'

"Anyone who has ever had dealings with  
me will know I'm not a cheat. I will never give  
anything but my best. I would have been  
stupid not to have given my all at Stoke if I  
wanted to attract other clubs."

Heath's biggest regret is that there was  
nastiness when he left the Potteries. But all  
that is behind him now and he is enjoying life  
at Goodison Park.

"I spoke to Andy King about Everton before  
I signed and he told me that there was only  
one club bigger — Real Madrid!"

Heath is in the King mould. He loves scoring  
goals from his favourite position — midfield.  
And that is something that Everton have not  
done in the recent past.

"He's got a big heart," says Everton man-  
ager Howard Kendall. "He was a cross-  
country champion as a lad.

"He reminds me a lot of Alan Ball. He has  
many of the same qualities. Whether he goes  
on to become the great player that 'Bally' was  
is something else. Only time will tell."

Heath joined the Goodison outfit four days

Former Goodison hero Alan Ball  
watches as Heath makes a telling debut  
for Everton against Southampton. Now  
the newcomer is hoping to live up to  
manager Howard Kendall's tag of 'the  
new Alan Ball'.



before his 21st birthday. He has already won  
five Under-21 caps and Kendall believes he  
could yet sneak a place in Ron Greenwood's  
squad for the World Cup Finals.

"There are a lot of managers in the First  
Division who would like to have this lad in  
their side," he says. "He's got a lot of qualities  
on and off the field. His attitude is right."

Heath speaks in glowing terms about his  
new manager, who was once one of his  
schoolboy idols.

"Howard has been a great player for the  
best part of 15 years now," says Heath. "He  
was always somebody to look up to when I  
was learning the trade in my early days at  
Stoke. Not that I've stopped learning," he  
adds quickly.

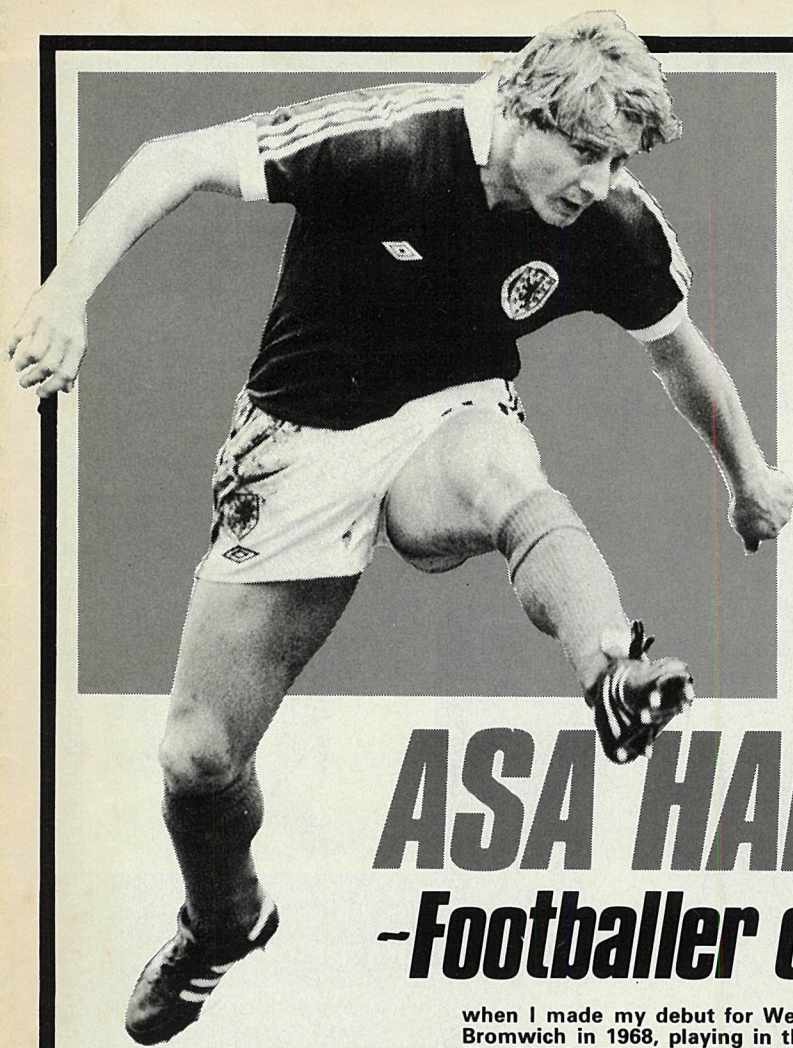
"A lot of people have asked me if my  
decision to come to Everton was swayed by  
the fact that I knew Howard before. All I can  
say is that this is one of the top six clubs in the  
country and I would have jumped at the  
chance one way or another."

Heath has fond memories of playing at  
Goodison Park. He has scored goals fre-  
quently on previous visits during his time with  
Stoke.

Heath signed a contract that will keep him  
at Everton until the summer of 1986. A few  
goals in the famous blue shirt would not go  
amiss.

The last word goes to Howard Kendall.  
"Adrian is a player I have always wanted at  
Everton," he says. "When I sold Asa Hartford  
and Mickey Thomas earlier in the season  
Adrian came to mind as the replacement. I  
had to be patient, but the wait was worth-  
while. The day I signed him was one of my  
happiest in management."





# ASA HARTFORD

## -Footballer of the Year?

of Britain's most expensive as well as talented players in his moves between West Bromwich, Manchester City, Nottingham Forest, Everton and back again to Maine Road.

"I'll keep on playing just as long as there is a place for me somewhere," he says.

"I'll never want to finish. My enthusiasm today is just as great as when I made my debut 14 years ago."

In the meanwhile his international career moves into another dimension with the World Cup Finals this summer.

"I'm not too upset to see us in that very tough top group with Brazil and the Soviet Union.

"That makes us underdogs and, bearing in mind past World Cups that is not a bad thing.

"For the last two Finals in 1974 and 1978, we've gone abroad with people expecting us to do well.

"That confidence seems to have been the cue for Scotland to press the self-destruct button.

"Now we are backed by the best

when I made my debut for West Bromwich in 1968, playing in the First Division."

City's progress in the First Division as they challenged for their first Championship since 1967-68 will be a vital factor in taking Hartford towards one supreme award for which he is surely a challenger — Footballer of the Year.

### Controversial

Only once in those 14 years has Hartford been out of the First Division. It was that controversial time at West Bromwich when they were relegated and Hartford became Britain's best known hole-in-the heart patient; since then that heart has proved to be one of the biggest in sport.

His remarkable 500 match League career has made him one

organisation we've ever had and it is all run by a manager, Jock Stein, who has 20 years experience of world class competitive football."

Only one cloud hovers on the Hartford horizon; that suspect temperament which has landed him in trouble time after time.

"Yes, I've got to control it," he admits frankly. "There is so much at stake for my club, my country and myself that I've got to curb that failing.

"I thought I had done so this season. In fact I appeared on television saying as much. Then, as so often in football, you are left with egg on your face — I was sent-off in our F.A. Cup-tie with Coventry.

"I know the root of my problem; I love involvement so much that I boil over with frustration if the game passes me by for a while.

"Now I am determined to keep a low profile over my disciplinary record because I don't want all my ambitions for 1982 to be submergered by controversy."

Hartford (front row, second left) hopes to add to his 1976 League Cup Final triumph.



**C**OULD this be the season for which Asa Hartford has waited 14 years? That is as long as he has been at the top... and all that he has to show is one League Cup winners medal.

"I'd love to win a few more honours," he admits.

"There have been some bitterly unlucky moments in the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup; there have been some close finishes at the top of the First Division — but it was not until the 1976 League Cup Final when Manchester City beat Newcastle that I actually won something."

Now Hartford is playing superbly. He is the midfield hub for a Manchester City side chasing the title; he has skipped the talented and — this time — soundly organised Scottish squad heading for the World Cup Finals.

"The finest season of my career? We'll have to wait and see about that," he says cautiously.

"Personally I feel that the City side of a few years ago had a slightly greater strength in depth than the current squad.

"There were more experienced top class players then; Dave Watson, Mike Doyle, Peter Barnes, Joe Royle, Gary Owen, Mike Channon and so on.

"Yet the very least we must look for this season is a place in Europe."

Channon and Alan Ball are two of the very few current players able to match the astonishing consistency of Hartford.

"They are still, as they were

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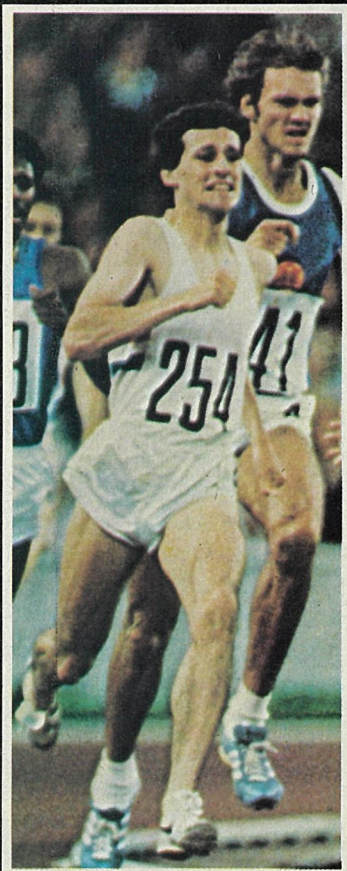
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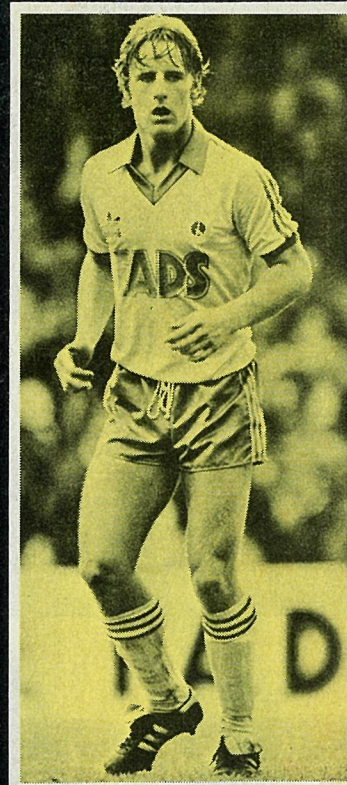
# Super Focus WYNTON RUFER

**FULL NAME:** Wynton Rufer  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Wellington, New Zealand  
**BIRTHDATE:** December 29, 1962  
**HEIGHT:** 5ft 11ins  
**WEIGHT:** 12st 2lbs  
**MARRIED:** No  
**CAR:** Toyota Corolla  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** W.D.U. in Wellington, New Zealand  
**JOB OR TRADE BEFORE:**  
**TURNING PRO:** Trainee shipping manager  
**NICKNAME:** 'Winnie'  
**FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:** Daily Mirror  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Pele  
**A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Paul Walsh (Charlton Athletic)  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Spurs  
**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** Pele  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT:** Athletics  
**OTHER SPORTS PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE:** Sebastian Coe, Bjorn Borg  
**YOUR BEST EVER ALL TIME XI:** Brazil's 1970 World Cup winners  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Coming on as sub for the Rongotai College, Wellington in Auckland and scoring the winning goal  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Not yet having a work permit to play in England for Norwich

Britain's world record beater Sebastian Coe



## NORWICH CITY and NEW ZEALAND



Charlton Athletic's talented young striker Paul Walsh

**FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:** Malaysia  
**BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN:** World Cup Stadium, Velez Sarsfield in Buenos Aires  
**FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK:** Fish and chips, shandy  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES . . .**  
**DISLIKES:** Any music . . . Smokers and bad refs  
**FAVOURITE SINGER:** Michael Jackson  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR . . .**  
**ACTRESS:** Dustin Hoffman and Jenny Agutter  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:** Fiji  
**BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY:** 'For Your Eyes Only'  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** The Big Match  
**FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF:** Kicking a ball about  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Toast and tea  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My family and Jim McMullan, a coach in New Zealand who gave me much individual training  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** Not sure if I've got any  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Youth caps and eight full caps for New Zealand  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To establish myself in the English First Division  
**IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO?** Anything to do with travel or sport  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** Photography  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** Pele

*Wynton Rufer*

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